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Princeton in 2005: Changes Are Relative

"Change" is always part of the equation when describing Princeton: that's because it is always a community in progress. A growing commercial district, evolving demographics, major transformations of in-town institutions like the University Medical Center at Princeton and Princeton University and, let's face it, rising property values, are proof of that change.

2005 was a year when the local hospital announced its intended departure from municipal boundaries and the community lost a beloved leader, Mayor Joseph O'Neill, who saw the marriage of change and tradition as the very essence of a thriving community.

In 2005, familiar stores like Landau's, the Princeton Record Exchange, Hinkson's all either saw significant change or achieved milestones, as did the Arts Council of Princeton, which celebrated its groundbreaking, and the Princeton Public Library, which thrived in its first full year of operating in its new building on Witherspoon Street.

So even as the town evolves, there is

With Density, Height, Planners Inch Closer To Common Ground

Following months of debate about what guidelines should be used to dictate future zoning of the site that currently houses the University Medical Center at Princeton, a subcommittee of the Regional Planning Board seems to have reached a consensus on building density, the central issue dividing some Board members and residents of surrounding neighborhoods.

Decided on last Wednesday during a two-hour hearing at Princeton Township Hall, those guidelines are slated to be heard by the full Planning Board January 19. At that time a vote is expected to take place to change the Princeton Community Master Plan to accommodate proper zoning for future development on the UMCP site once the hospital leaves for Plainsboro.

Currently zoned for hospital and medical-related use, the 11-plus acres there will likely take a predominantly residential form.

The density issue, along with the

something to be said for the status quo: the locally-owned businesses (there are still several), the bumpy streets, and familiar faces that help sustain a community identity.

The Hospital

The biggest story of the year actually bookended 2005. First, in January, Princeton HealthCare System (PHCS), the University Medical Center at Princeton's parent company, announced that it intended to relocate the hospital and the Merwick Care Center on Bayard Lane to a state-of-the-art campus somewhere nearby, but not within either Princeton Borough or Township. This set off an intense municipal and community dialogue as to how to develop the hospital's vacated lands: nearly 12 acres on its Witherspoon campus and nine acres at Merwick.

Municipal planners eventually came to a consensus that the lands should be used for a mix of residential and commercial uses, with an open space component. Many wanted the residential aspect of any new development to include affordable housing units to accommodate a limited, community-wide, affordable housing stock.

In November, PHCS announced that it had acquired 160 acres of land in Plainsboro where it intends to move the hospital, contingent on state approval. Additionally, the hospital announced that a Philadelphia-based firm, Lubert-Adler, would develop the Witherspoon campus, and that Princeton University was the intended buyer of the Merwick site and the two-acre surface parking lot off Franklin Avenue, adjacent to the hospital.

Mayor Joseph O'Neill

The death of the 71-year-old Borough Mayor Joseph O'Neill in October was not necessarily a shock, his health having been in decline for nearly a year as he battled leukemia, but it was a sobering loss to the community.

The mayor's death highlighted the reality that while Princeton grapples with large, multi-faceted issues, its governing is still that of a small town. This fact was underlined when Princeton University sought to expand its development capacity within its Engineering Quadrangle.

Mr. O'Neill had served as the primary liaison between the Borough and the University on brokering an arrangement that would work for both sides: more

development ability for the school, with a financial compensatory element at the Borough's end. And while the University's plans aims were ultimately backed by Borough Council, Mr. O'Neill's death showed just how pivotal a mayor he was

in his abbreviated, 21-month term.

Mayor Mildred Trotman

Though she handily won re-election to an eighth term for Borough Council in November, Council President

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Morning Blast Rocks Campus; Construction Workers Injured

An early morning explosion on the Princeton University campus last Thursday left six construction workers with injuries, none of which was life-threatening.

A 100-pound propane tank on the site of the University's not yet com-

pleted Whitman College, just northeast of the Dinky station, exploded at 8:29 a.m. The campus was not particularly crowded, many students having left for the holidays.

According to Princeton Borough

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A MAN FOR THE AGES: 2005 was Albert Einstein's year in Princeton and the world as the 100th anniversary of his Special Theory of Relativity and World Year of Physics coincided with the 50th anniversary of his death. In April Princeton residents gathered outside Borough Hall for the unveiling of sculptor Robert Berks's statue, the first Princeton memorial to the scientist who spent the last 22 years of his life here.

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question of potential building height, which residents say is already out of character with the immediate neighborhood, was a key factor in delaying a vote on Master Plan guidelines at the Planning Board's December 8 hearing. At that hearing, Board members were in disagreement when it came to the density and use proposals that had been circulating for months.

Last week, however, there was an indication that the density debate was coming to a close, leading the way for a building capacity of about 500,000 square-feet making way for approximately 280 residential units at about 1,250 square feet a piece. That number, however, could fall depending on the number of one- and two-bedroom units available.

But one point of contention remained. Referring to a Princeton Future proposal to run new streets through a redeveloped hospital site, Planning Board members Yina Moore and Jacqueline Tillmann said that type of design would promote a more inclusive development and dissolve what was termed as a "superblock." They added that members of the community have favored the idea and that it should be included in the Master Plan.

While the idea of extending Birch Avenue or creating a new through street has been entertained, it has never been seriously considered, at least not publicly, by a majority of Board members.

Marvin Reed, chairman of the Master Plan Subcommittee, said running streets through the block could erase areas that might otherwise be used for open space. "There's no reason to sacrifice open space for a new roadway," he said, adding that walkways and passageways could be used to "open the site up" to the community. Several residents have worried that once developed, the site will be used exclusively by the residents living there.

J. Robert Hillier, the architect who has been working as a consultant with Princeton HealthCare System, the hospital's parent company, echoed Mr. Reed's assertion when he made reference to a proposed park that has surfaced in site proposals. "You're not going to get

50,000 square feet of open space if you're going to fill it with asphalt." Mr. Hillier, of the West Windsor-based Hillier Architecture, is also a minority owner of Town Topics.

Ms. Moore questioned the arbitrary definition of "open space" and said that in some neighborhoods, streets play roles in creating places for recreation.

In November, PHCS announced its intention to build a \$350 million facility on a 160-acre tract in Plainsboro Township partially occupied by FMC Corp. A Philadelphia developer, Lubert-Adler, is the contract purchaser of the 11-acre UMCP site, with Princeton University as the intended purchaser of the nine-acre Merwick Care Center lands on Bayard Lane and a two-

acre parking lot on Franklin Avenue, both of which will also be vacated by the hospital when it relocates.

—Matthew Hersh

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A liquor license transfer to **Aston's Jazz**, the contested proposed 159-seat jazz club originally slated for the old Mike's Tavern site on Bayard Lane, is scheduled to take place through a resolution by **Princeton Township Committee** today, December 28, at 10 a.m. at Township Hall. The liquor license is reportedly that of Select Restaurants Inc., owner of the former **Rusty Scupper** on Alexander Road in the Township. However, Toby Laughlin, the landlord of the former Scupper building, who is not affiliated with Select, has said that Aston's would not be located there, an assertion also backed by Mr. Distler, who already holds the liquor licence of the former Mike's Tavern.

Princeton Borough and Township will hold annual re-organization meetings next Wednesday, January 4. The Township's program will take place at Township Hall at 6 p.m. and the Borough's at Borough Hall at 6:30 p.m. In the Borough, David Goldfarb will be sworn into his sixth term on Borough Council and in the Township, Deputy Mayor Bernie Miller will be sworn into his second full term on Township Committee while Committeewoman-elect Vicky Bergman will be sworn into her freshman term. Ms. Bergman is also expected to be appointed to fill the seat of Bill Enslin on the Regional Planning Board of Princeton.

The Whole Earth Center has announced plans to move into the space formerly occupied by Judy's Flower Shop, which closed suddenly last week. Jennifer Murray, manager of Whole Earth, could not offer details of the expansion, but it continues the store's growth since its opening in 1968.



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SINGING OF THE SEASON: Last Wednesday evening the Princeton High School choir performed a seasonal recital at the Princeton University Chapel.
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Opens Hands, Open Hearts Assist Displaced New Orleans Family

When Wallace Thomas of Lawrenceville learned about the ruin of his home town of New Orleans, at first he "didn't know what to do, to be honest."

But what he ended up doing was nothing short of remarkable; he brought more than 20 family members to the Princeton area "so that they're safe" and "for at least a year, to get the kids through school," he said.

The endeavor was a process that included traveling down to the devastated region and looking for and transporting his family from, among other places, the Houston Astrodome.

He wasn't sure how it was all going to work out. But his step of faith was met with such an outpouring of support and generosity from Princeton area individuals and organizations that, he said, it has been truly "awe inspiring."

One of the helpful groups was Princeton's All Saints' Episcopal Church. The parishioners there decided they wanted to help with reloca-

tions of Hurricane Katrina victims, and hooked up with Mr. Thomas through inquiries they made to the American Red Cross.

Their first item of business was to locate an apartment. "We got word around October 23 that an apartment would be available on November 1," said Bob Bostock, the church's senior warden.

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Mr. Bostock said he "liked the symbolism" of November 1 being All Saints Day, but since that date was only about a week away, there wasn't a second to lose. And with Herculean efforts (and a really good church e-mail list), the deadline was met.

A team drove to New York to pick up a complete living room set from someone who no longer needed it.

A parishioner donated new mattresses and box springs, which were ordered from "1-

800-Mattress" and delivered free of charge.

Another donated a clothes washer and dryer because when he was in need 30 years ago, someone had done the same for his family.

The apartment, located at Princeton Community Village off Bunn Drive in Princeton Township, was thoroughly cleaned and filled with furniture, TVs, a coffee maker, and more. The cupboards were lined with shelf paper and filled with silverware, dishes, supplies, and food.

Some raised money for rent; and others worked with the

management of the apartment complex to arrange paperwork for further federal assistance.

Everything was lovingly readied for Mr. Thomas's aunt, Gloria Gray, 73, and her daughter, Beverly Brown.

When Katrina struck, the two women had left their homes for the safety of a hotel, and they were evacuated from the hotel by boat after two days in darkness. They also took a helicopter to a bus, and their odyssey included a plane ride.

While the upheaval isn't completely behind them, crossing the doorstep of their Princeton apartment on All Saints Day marked the end of

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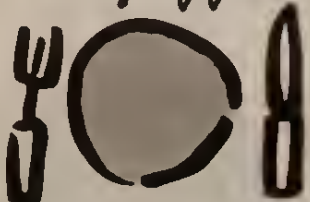
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Stand upright and be strong,
May you stay forever young,
Forever young, forever young,
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one stage of their ordeal.

"I have a beautiful apartment," Ms. Brown said. "I just thank God for Jesus's people."

Ms. Gray, too, was amazed. "It is unbelievable how nice people have been to us. Beverly and I were just saying this morning it's unbelievable... I wouldn't have dreamed it, up here in the North."

But Ms. Gray, who had rarely ventured outside her native New Orleans and had never been on an airplane before, said she wants to return home. "I never believed in traveling."

Beverly, on the other hand, said she feels she has found a new home in Princeton, and wants to stay. "I'm staying here. I love it," she said.

She added that she hopes her mother will change her mind and stay as well, but she doesn't think she will. "She misses her house," Beverly said of her mother.

All Saints' parishioner Lib Flemer, who helped ready the apartment, said she thinks the experience has been good for the church as well. "Everybody jumped in. It's healthy. There was a moving need and the church rose to meet it."

The long-time church member said the leadership asks for volunteers, and, if she can manage it, she usually pitches in. "You just want to be used, and when you are, you're so grateful," she said.

One aspect of Ms. Flemer's involvement was taking Ms. Gray and Ms. Brown to Bed, Bath and Beyond for items such as linens and curtains.

When Ms. Flemer explained the purpose of the trip to the store manager, the women were given a dedicated staff person to assist them with the shopping and a twenty percent discount on everything they bought.

Of the shopping trip, Ms. Flemer said, "When I first went to collect them, I was just impressed at their courtesy. They welcomed me with such grace, with lovely southern manners."

And while the "adopted" family doesn't attend All Saints' (they attend Union Baptist church in Trenton) they did meet and thank all those who helped them at a special reception recently at All Saints'.

The life-changing generosity that Ms. Brown has experienced has strengthened her faith. "If it wasn't for Him, I wouldn't be here," she said.

Mr. Thomas, who responded without knowing how it would work out, said it was impossible to name all the people and organizations that have stood in the gap with him and assisted his family.

After ticking off three or four names, he gave up, saying, "I don't even want to list them, for fear I'll leave someone out."

In the autumn, his home was overflowing with relations, most of whom were living in area motels, but with help from many hands, that changed. And on Christmas, the family's plan to celebrate the holiday was to visit one another going "house to house."

—Becky Melvin

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Question of the Week:

"Are you doing anything special to celebrate
the new year and do you have a resolution?"



"I am a doctor and will be on call New Year's Eve, so, hopefully nothing too exciting. As for a resolution, I plan to go to the New York Sports Club more often."

— John Prenner, Southern Way



"New Year's Eve? Going to Philadelphia after skiing for a week. No resolutions! I never live up to them, so why disappoint myself."

— Kieth Altman, Sayre Drive



"I am going to church on New Year's Eve. Resolutions? I make them 'silently' in case I do not live up to them, like exercising more."

— Sylvie Friersan, McKinley Court



"New Year's Eve? Nothing much. We will stay up, make a little noise, and that's it. I don't make resolutions, but I try, with the help of the Lord, to get better every year."

— Charles Perpetua

(was with the Princeton Medical Center for 26 years)



"Nothing special, just hanging out with the boys. As for resolutions, I am going day-by-day, and just looking forward to the new year."

— Phil Chao, Turner Court

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Residents Weigh Aesthetic Details As Pine Street Park Takes Shape

Residents of Pine Street gave the nod Tuesday to a plan that, as designed, will refurbish Pine Street Park, a tiny plot on the eastern side of the street that runs between Nassau and Spruce streets.

Expected to begin by either late winter or early spring the rehab project will grow out of a contribution of \$25,000 from Princeton Borough with all work to be carried out in-house by the Borough Department of Public Works, according to Robert Brusch, Borough Administrator.

Tuesday's meeting was the second neighborhood meeting on the park and reflected initial resident input. Dan Dobromilsky, a landscape consultant for the municipality, put together the final plan that now includes a 30-foot by 34-foot lawn area, a wrought-iron fence, new shrubs and hedges, a new "whirl" toy, and a walkway with benches and a picnic table.

To offset the cost of the wrought-iron fencing, some representatives of the Princeton Parks Alliance, the municipal group with which

residents have worked on this project, said extra fencing from 2004's Writers Block literary garden could be used.

Plans to memorialize the late David Bradford, the Princeton University economics professor and former Pine Street resident have been modified. Originally, a memorial garden and playground pieces were to be named in his memory, but the latest plan shows an engraved blue-stone in the professor's honor. The more discreet reference to Dr. Bradford was done in response to residents' belief that the professor would not have approved of an overdone fanfare, said Borough Councilman Andrew Koontz, also a founding member of the Parks Alliance.

Dr. Bradford died in February after sustaining injuries in a house fire. Residents have called for the park itself to be named after the late professor.

From here, this revised plan indicates what should be the final look of the park, Mr. Koontz said. "This is not a large project," he said, but added that he was encour-

aged by the community effort of the redesign.

While the impetus for the Pine Street Park rehab project stemmed from Dr. Bradford's death and his love of the park, the same effort could go into rehabbing other Borough Parks, Mr. Koontz said, mentioning 'pocket parks' such as Potts Playground at the corner of Erdman Avenue and Tee-Ar Place, and Mary Moss Park, otherwise known as John Street Park.

"I hope we can continue with this sort of progress and start looking at some of the other 'pocket parks.' The pocket parks give us the opportunity to transform them and not have to spend a lot of money," Mr. Koontz said.

Larger parks like Harrison Street park, which has been subject to a debate as to whether it needs renovating, would need grant money to undergo basic aesthetic needs, but with the smaller parks, Mr. Koontz said, "we can do a lot with the resources we already have with the Public Works Department as far as manpower and design capability."

— Matthew Hersh

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Princeton in 2005

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Mildred Trotman was unanimously appointed November 9 — the day after her re-election — to fill in the mayor's post two weeks after Mr. O'Neill's death. Only the Borough's second female and first black mayor, Ms. Trotman, who was appointed to a special one-year term, vowed to run for re-election in 2006.

Several weeks later, Barbara Trelstad was chosen to fill Ms. Trotman's seat for her lame-duck term set to expire December 31. She, too, said she would seek re-appointment to the post and then run for a formal elec-

tion in the November race.

Senior Housing

The Regional Planning Board approved a K. Hovnanian plan to build 140 age-restricted housing units on 21-acres off Bunn Drive, just south of Hilltop Park — a decision that received its share of resistance. Environmentalists and residents alike worried that building on the rocky, dense Princeton Ridge would require excessive blasting that could impact nearby homes and a major pipeline that runs through the site.

Also in the works, but still in the process of receiving zoning approval, is an application from developer Morgan Estates to build 98 senior units on the opposite

side of Bunn Drive.

Township Police

Perhaps one of the most controversial stories this year was the announcement of a reduction in the Princeton Township Police force from 35 sworn officers to 31. But after significant resistance from the union, PBA Local 130, the Township agreed to reduce the force only through attrition, and not through recommended resignations or retirements.

That announcement followed the departure of Police Chief Anthony Gaylord, who retired abruptly in late June. Township attorney Edmund Konin said the matter was entirely personal, and assorted municipal officials maintained that the chief's departure had nothing to do with a top-to-bottom independent study of the Princeton Township Police Department and its recommendation of cuts involving as many as seven supervisory officers.

All That Jazz

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COMMUNIVERSITY: April looked like anything but the cruelest month as dry weather prevailed and pedestrians and strollers enjoyed a carless Nassau Street.

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GRADUATION DAY: 1,814 Princeton University graduate and undergraduates received their degrees on the sunny lawn in front of Nassau Hall; they were joined by more than 8,000 guests.

(Photo courtesy of Denise Applewhite/Princeton University)



THE WINNER: For the sixth consecutive time the women lileguards defeated the men in the Community Park boat race. Lileguard Raine Katz carried the day as Rob Scobbo went down with the ship.

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DEMONSTRATION TIME: Close to 100 Princeton High School students staged a walk-out to protest the policies of the Bush administration on the anniversary of the president's re-election.

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SOUNDS FOR A STRICKEN CITY: There was a New Orleans theme at September's Palmer Square's Jazz Feast where there was a table for contributions for Katrina relief.

(Photo by George Vogel)



CHESS ON THE LIBRARY PLAZA: Chess Day at the Princeton Public saw National Chess Master Glenn Bady making the rounds of 20 chess boards set up for him to play 20 matches simultaneously.

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much noise even before the music started? We're sure to find out in 2006 as the proprietor of the proposed 159-seat restaurant, Stephen Distler, keeps his zoning application renewed in the Township's Zoning Department. Mr. Distler sought to build a restaurant with a jazz component at the site of the former Mike's Tavern on Bayard Lane, but after three zoning hearings and a tidal wave of resident protest, the proposal disappeared.

However, Mr. Distler, in addition to having already acquired Mike's liquor license, is set to purchase the license held by Select Restaurants Inc., operator of the former Rusty Scupper on Alexander Road, which closed in early 2004. There is no word as to who will next occupy the former Scupper building.

Affordable Housing

Both municipalities wrangled for months on drafting ordinances that honor the state's latest housing mandates through the Council on Affordable Housing. Based on a growth-share formula commensurate with the towns' level of development, both the Borough and Township said they would revisit the formula in the coming year. The mandates have been particularly prob-



PHS CLASS OF 2005 MOVES ON: With Princeton High School Principal Gary Snyder standing by, Senior Class President Sasha Jean addressed her fellow classmates at Princeton High School's 76th graduation ceremony.

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BASTILLE DAY: Alex Hopkins and her brother Thomas disguised as Lady Liberty and the Eiffel Tower during Halo's Bastille Day festivities.

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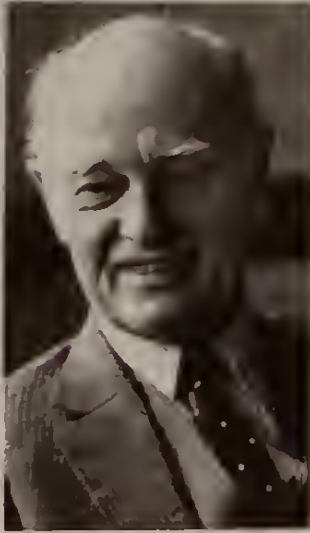
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THE SPIRIT OF PRINCETON: Ray Wadsworth of the Spirit of Princeton saluted the flag at the annual Veterans' Day Ceremony at the War Memorial. Mr. Wadsworth was flanked by students of the Lewis School, who also participated in the event.

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Princeton Remembers



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PRINCETON BOROUGH LOSES A MAYOR: October saw the passing of Princeton Borough Mayor Joseph P. O'Neill, from complications from leukemia. He was 71.

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lematic in the land-starved Borough, where the University serves as a major developer.

Low Tide

Princeton Township took major steps toward curbing its flooding problem by limiting the percentage of non-absorbable surfaces a homeowner can build on a lot. While the measure is not designed to reduce flooding conditions in neighborhoods like the Littlebrook region, officials said placing limits will keep matters from worsening, as the Township continues to near a "built-out" level.

McMansions

Acting in response to so-called "McMansion"-sized homes popping up in neighborhoods, the Planning Board's Zoning Amendment Review Committee examined a Borough ordinance proposal that would place square-footage caps and floor-area ratio limits on homes. Some residents, however, particularly in the Borough's western section, worried that settling limits on a homeowner's ability to build would place a negative impact on property values. That measure is expected to be revisited in 2006.

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Police Lt. Dennis McManimon, an investigation following the incident indicated that the propane tank that was inside one of the buildings but hooked up to a heater outside the building started leaking. Workers who had heard the leak made an attempt to remove the tank from the building.

During this transfer it was likely that a valve was knocked off the tank while passing closely to the heater, Lt. McManimon said, resulting in the explosion.

Tom Lebrosciano, 22, of Glenolden, Pa., and Christopher Meletti, 26, of Lambertville, both sustained superficial facial burns and were treated at the University Medical Center at Princeton. Both men have since been released.

Brian Coppola, 39, of Bristol Pa., who also suffered minor facial injuries, was released from Helene Fuld in Trenton. Three other men, Tyrie Jenkins Jr., 49, of Nashville, Tenn. (complaint of pain), William Stephens IV, 54, of Glenside, Pa. (shoulder injury), and Martin Makowski, 31, of Greenville, Pa. (minor facial burns and injuries to his right hand), had not been released as of press time. Mr. Makowski was transferred from Fuld to Temple Hospital in Philadelphia.

All six men are members of the Philadelphia union, Bricklayers Local 1 and were transported to their respective hospitals by the Princeton, West Windsor, Lawrence, Hopewell, Titusville and Plainsboro First Aid Squads.

An investigation by the Borough Police Department, the University's Department of Public Safety, and the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office is currently underway.

Construction for Whitman College began in 2004 and has a targeted completion date of 2006. The hall will provide dormitory, dining, social, cultural, educational, and recreational space for 500 undergraduates and 10 graduate students. It will also provide office and teaching space for the Princeton Writing Program.

The college will also enable the University to increase the school's overall undergraduate population by 500 students in 125-student increments over a four-year period beginning in the fall of 2007.

The \$110 million, 290,000 square-foot residential college on the grounds of the former "pagoda" tennis courts is named after Meg Whitman, president and chief executive of eBay and a 1977 graduate and trustee of the University. Ms. Whitman, the college's principal sponsor, donated \$30 million toward the college's construction in 2002.

—Matthew Hersh

The all-volunteer department answered more than 40 calls in the past two weeks including calls for false or malfunctioning fire and carbon monoxide alarm systems at a Walnut Lane school, Nassau Street, Governors Lane, Hulfish Street, Washington Road, Laurel Road, Herron-town Road, Prospect Avenue, Spring Street, Clover Lane, Billie Ellis Lane, Harrison Street, Witherspoon Street, Benjamin Rush Lane, Cleveland Lane, Constitution Hill East, and The Great Road.

On the morning of December 12, crews responded to a smoke condition at a business on Witherspoon Street. The cause of the smoke was a furnace back-fire. Crews mechanically ventilated the structure.

Early in the morning of December 16, a structure fire was reported at Holder Hall on the Princeton University campus. A small fire in the courtyard was extinguished by University safety officers.

In the evening of December 17, a smoke condition was reported in the Old Grad College on College Road. Investigating crews determined the source to be a small fire in a clothes dryer which was out upon arrival.

Early in the morning of December 19, crews were called to assist in the search for an elderly woman suffering from dementia who left her home on Nassau Street without shoes or coat. The temperature was well below 20 degrees. The woman had also recently had hip surgery. Crews searched the area around the home for some time with no results. State police tracking dogs were called to the scene but could not pick up a trail. After three hours the missing woman was found inside a Nassau Street church.

On the morning of December 22, the department responded to Whitman College on the Princeton University campus for a reported structure fire. Workmen in the building, which is under construction, tried to pass a leaking propane cylinder out a first story window when the tank exploded. The leaking gas was apparently ignited by machinery just outside the window. Three workmen suffered burns or other injuries. The fire was contained and the only damage was to wooden scaffolding.

Later on the same day, another structure fire was reported, this time at a residence on Snowden Lane. First arriving officers found a heavy smoke condition inside the home and a mostly extinguished fire in the living room. The cause of the fire was a candle left burning on a small table while the resident left for a short walk. She discovered the fire on returning to her home and was able to knock it down with a small fire extinguisher. Crews completed extinguishing the fire and ventilated smoke from the home.

Starting on December 24 and lasting into Christmas morning, crews dealt with an uncontrolled water leak at a Witherspoon Street business that flooded the basements of that building and a neighboring residence. The water company was initially unable to turn off the water and

unable to muster a crew to dig up the nearest valve. It being Christmas morning. Fire department crews worked through the night pumping water and cutting the floor in order to give access to the leaking pipe which was finally capped around 6:30 a.m. in the morning.

Also on Christmas morning, crews responded with the First Aid Squad to a Stuart Road home for a report of a car driven into a house. Indeed, a four-door car had been driven backwards directly into the front door of the residence where it climbed half a flight of stairs before coming to rest. An occupant of the home was knocked down and received minor injuries. The driver of the car was entrapped because the vehicle fit so neatly in the foyer that the doors could not be opened. Crews worked to remove part of a wall so that the driver could be removed from the vehicle.

The Princeton Fire Department is one of the oldest volunteer fire departments in the country. It was founded in 1788 and is made up of three fire companies Princeton Hook & Ladder, Mercer Engine Company #3, and Princeton Engine Company #1. Last year the fire department responded to 1,000+ fire and other calls within the

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CAMPUS EXPLOSION: On December 22, at 8:29 a.m., a propane tank explosion at the construction site of Princeton University's as-yet-unfinished Whitman College injured six workers, one seriously. Shown extinguishing the subsequent fire are Lt. Dan Brown, left, of Princeton Engine Company No. 1, and firefighter Sam Magee, of Mercer Engine Company No. 3.

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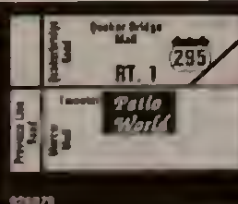
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Women Artists: Up To, Including, and Exceeding Their Limits

How American Women Artists Invented Postmodernism, 1970-1975" is a title with attitude, one that seems to demand at least an "Oh yeah?" or "Prove it!" from viewers of the exhibit at the Mason Gross Galleries in New Brunswick through Friday, January 27, 2006. Such a title also suggests that the works should be approached according to the terms set forth. For me, the problematic word is "invented." How about "Ignited" or "energized," or something closer to "trail-blazing," the adjective used in the press release? The idea that women artists somehow got together and invented postmodernism calls to mind Jelly Roll Morton's notorious declaration that on such and such a day in 1902 he "invented" jazz.

My only issue with a show where the title states an opinion as if it were fact is that it might get between me and the art. As a result, my instinct is to ignore the "isms" and the accompanying information and look at the art as art rather than as a collection of evidence arranged to validate the title statement. It's a debate I'd prefer not to enter, especially since my knowledge of the development of postmodernism is limited.

I should say at the outset that no one who comes to the Mason Gross Galleries is going to be bored. The exhibit has been imaginatively organized by Judith Brodsky and curator Ferris Olin, who sees the event more as a "celebration" of women artists than as a testimonial to the inventors of a movement.

As hard as I tried to avoid thinking of the art as evidence, however, there was no way to tune out the background audio from Martha Rosler's performance video, *Semiotics of the Kitchen*, in which she displays and identifies various mundane kitchen utensils while speaking in a desultory monotone. The effect is that of being followed around by the voice of a sedated Martha Stewart intoning an inventory of functional domestic trivia, including a hamburger press, ice pick, and juicer. If you happen to be a postmodern househusband, you may think "been there, done that" until you glance at the video, notice the date (1975), and observe that Rosler's way of demonstrating the function of the ice-pick is to make a weapon of it, stabbing the cutting board as if it were intimately connected to whoever confined her to this culinary prison.

The voice of feminism also follows you around the adjoining room as Martha Wilson uses various makeup techniques to form and deform her own face in *Deformation*, another video performance from 1975. Again, it's as if the text inherent in the exhibit's title is echoing in your ears as you stand in front of works like Faith Ringgold's charmingly giraffish life-size soft sculpture, *Wilt Chamberlain*, or Sylvia Sleigh's not so charming painting of a male nude lounging

in a centerfold pose. It's as if I'm being prodded to read the playful depiction of a basketball superstar as a feminist critique of male power, and then to state the obvious about the sex object role reversal in the other work.

What it comes down to is the difference between art as a text, or the illustration of a text, and art as art. The primary value of Sleigh's male nude is as a text. When you see it, you think "Oh, right, it's a feminist art show." When you see Joan Semmel's oil on canvas of two nude bodies stretched out side by side in bed, male and female, large as life (Antonio and I), you don't think about a text. Instead of a cynical response to the well-known male chauvinist stereotype popularized decades ago by magazines like *Playboy*, you see a formally powerful, strikingly executed work, where the depth and vibrancy and unexpectedness of the colors bring both bodies into a third dimension and give the piece its own special beauty even as it implicitly challenges by example the same stereotype of female sexuality.

Another example of text contending with art is in the same room where you have Joan Snyder's two lively and in no way explicitly or even implicitly "female" oils on the wall to your left facing a gloppy brown mess that seems to have landed splat in the middle of the floor; in fact, it's a bronze by Lynda Benglis that, according to the posted commentary, "breaks with the phallic monumentality" of sculpture. This rationale for its presence inevitably stresses the "ism" and "ist" element of the show. And when you look up from this congealed puddle of matter, there's the television monitor with Martha Rosler demonstrating the function of a juicer as if she were wringing someone's neck.

The Living Text

Carolee Schneemann comes closer than anyone else to bringing the message of the show to life. She puts her body on the line, literally. Both object and artist, she's a self-portrait in progress. To the defenders of aesthetic decorum she's almost as notorious as Robert Mapplethorpe. In the mid-1970s when she was giving the performances shown here on film, she must have embodied the threat represented by Women's Lib: liberation in action, the naked

artist spinning in a harness, crayon in hand, turning and twisting on her own version of a high-wire, gymnast, exotic dancer, human sculpture, hypnotist, fantasist, filmmaker and editor all in one. It makes some kind of sense that to see her you have to stray from the show proper. You might miss her altogether or mistake the entrance to her personal theatre for the door of a closet (you have to pass a fire extinguisher and a storage room to get there). You'll know you're there when you see the sign warning you that the video room contains



VICTORY OF GENTLENESS (ROSA PARKS): Betye Saar's mixed media assemblage is in a window box against a sheet music background ("Alabama Lullaby"), haunted by the face of the late Rosa Parks, who refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery bus. Co-curated by Judith Brodsky and Ferris Olin, "How American Women Artists Invented Postmodernism, 1970-1975" will be on display at the Mason Gross Galleries in New Brunswick through Friday, January 27, 2006.

"explicit sexual imagery."

Go through the door and you find yourself in a dark room watching a film Schneemann put together from half a dozen different performances. Unlike *Interior Scroll—The Cove*, the explicit video the sign warns you about, *Up to and Including Her Limits* is muted and dreamlike, the woman's body hypnotic as it sculpts its movements into a slow-motion dive through a soft-focus haze of varying shades of violet and blue against a background soundtrack of seemingly random noises that seem both ominous or mundane: a baby crying, chains or ropes

creaking, perhaps the sound of the rope sustaining the harness she's performing in. At first I thought she was playing out the concept of a woman in chains bravely creating, marking the walls of her prison the way a prisoner might mark the days to be served. Perhaps the enchainment aspect of the image is meant to suggest the limits she cites in her title. While *Interior Scroll* is not for the squeamish or prudish, *Up to and Including Her Limits* should not be missed.

June Wayne's Tapestries

That Carolee Schneemann is an innovator goes without saying. The same can be said of June Wayne, whose career both nourished and was nourished by the feminist movement, which she actually anticipated. In the 1960s her Tamarind Lithography Workshop became one of the most important focal points of a general revival of printmaking in the United States. When you see her two tapestries, however, you don't think about texts or postmodernism or innovation or even invention. You don't think, period: you feel. Although I know what Wayne means when she says that we should "read" tapestries and "eat" art, these two works offer more than either of those terms suggests; whether you consume them or comprehend them, they are magnificent. *Col Noir* and *Onde en Folie* were both woven in 1972 at the Atelier de Saint Cyr. While the tapestries far exceed their role as illustrations of the exhibit's theme, they can also be appreciated as significant examples of the idea of woman's work and the weaving associated with the domestic arts through the ages. June Wayne has described the thread as "a basic element akin to the musical note ... a module of construction and a marker for time passing." In *Col Noir* the thread leads into a fascinating landscape framed in red, with a depths of yellow and gold like pocket canyons below a blue horizon, above it a formation that you might imagine to be (as I did) an abstraction of birds in flight; in fact it's the genetic code, the subject, essence, and signature of the work. For this artist, the text both comprehends and transcends gender, and the ultimate message is art.

How American Women Artists Invented Postmodernism, 1970-1975" is the inaugural exhibition in a nationwide series, "Indelible Marks: Framing Art and Feminism." The series of exhibitions and events, continuing through 2008, will celebrate the stature and increased visibility of art by women in America.

The Mason Gross Galleries are located at Civic Square, 33 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick, in Rutgers' Mason Gross School of the Arts. The galleries are open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and by appointment.

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SCAFFA ISLAND, SCOTLAND: One of David Miller's "Panoramic Landscapes," this photograph can be seen at Gallery 14 from January 6 through February 5 as part of a joint exhibit with Jim Hilgendorf. There will be a reception for the public from 6 to 9 p.m. on January 6.

Modernist Photographers At Hopewell's Gallery 14

Jim Hilgendorf and David Miller, two photographers, who work in a modernist format, will be exhibiting their work at Gallery 14 in Hopewell from January 6 through February 5, with a reception for the public from 6 to 9 p.m. on January 6. Both artists will also be present to discuss their work with the public on Sunday, January 8, between 1 and 3 p.m.

Mr. Hilgendorf's color photos in "The Faces of Laos" focus on the people of Laos and are reminiscent of the work of National Geographic photographers such as Steve McCurry while Mr. Miller's "Panoramic Landscapes: The Arctic, Galapagos and Spain" reflect a tradition that dates back to the panoramic landscape photographers of the American west and have been influenced by Art Sinsabaugh's panoramas of the midwest.

Jim Hilgendorf has spent more than twenty-five years living in and traveling to various countries in Asia, but he had never visited Laos until the summer of 2005 when he visited numerous hill tribe villages. He also visited the ancient royal capital of Luang Phabang, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Along the way, he captured many of his encounters with his Contax 645. Although he has previously worked primarily in black and white using traditional dark room methods, he sensed that Laos needed to be photographed in color. The result is his first exhibit of mostly color photographs printed digitally using archival ink jet dyes on fine art paper.

Other examples of his work can be seen on the Gallery 14 website, www.photosgallery14.com, or his website, www.jimhilgendorf.com.

David Miller's current work is in a tradition dating back to the early photographers of the American west while relating as well to the modernist tradition that emphasizes the power of the landscape, sharp focus and large print size to express the impact of these wide open spaces on the solitary individual. A number of the photographs were taken in

the Arctic, on Svalbard Island (Spitzbergen) where he visited the coastline in a small if sturdy Zodiac, shooting at times from just above water level. Mists, ice and continuous sunshine alternate in this landscape. The work on view also includes the expansive landscapes of southern Spain where the "White Towns" south of Sevilla provide counterpoints to the rolling hills, as in his "Storm over Villamartin," or "Pueblos Blanco Panorama," landscapes from the Galapagos, and a sweeping view of the Old North Bridge in Concord, Massachusetts. Mr. Miller works frequently with swing lens panoramic cameras of large format and many of his photographs are also taken with infrared film in order to capture details of the clouds in the open expanses. Other examples of his panoramic landscape work and other photographs may be found on his website, www.dhmillierphotography.com, or the Gallery 14 website, www.photosgallery14.com.

For additional information visit the Gallery 14 website, call David Miller at (609) 577-0564 or Jim Hilgendorf at (215) 565-6063, or leave a message at the Gallery, (609) 333-8511.

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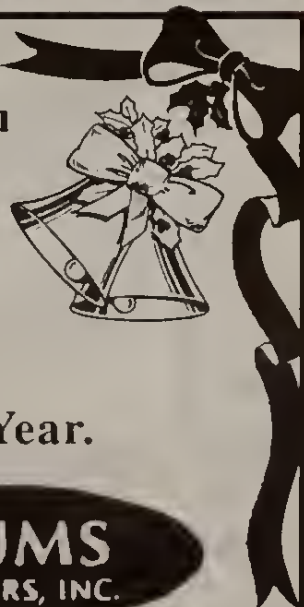
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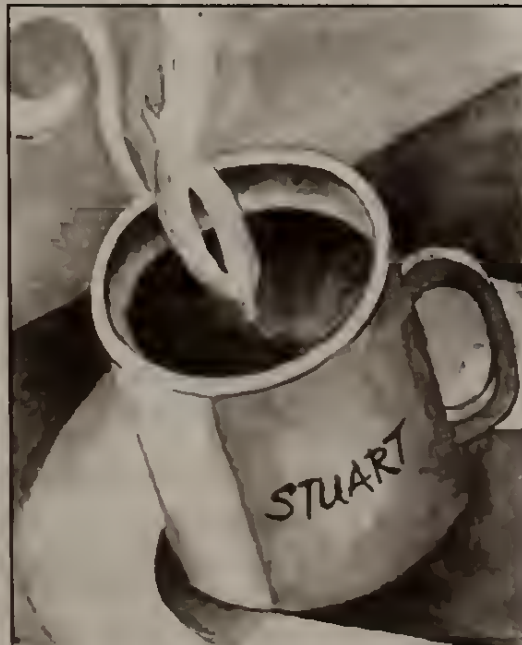
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Arts Council Offers Adult Art Classes

The Arts Council of Princeton has announced a wide range of classes for adults in painting, drawing, mixed media, photography, creative writing, dance, and drama, to be held at the new conTEMPORARY Arts Center at the Princeton Shopping Center. Adult ceramics classes will take place at the conTEMPORARY Ceramics Studio at Princeton Business Park in Rocky Hill. Registration is currently taking place online, by phone, and at the conTEMPORARY Arts Center.

Ceramics classes cover throwing on the wheel for beginner and experienced potters, as well as the exploration of sculptural, decorative, and functional "Possibilities in Clay," featuring demonstrations in handbuilding techniques, basic wheel throwing and basic glaze application. Also new this semester is an introductory "Figurative Clay Sculpture" course taught by veteran Arts Council instructor Bob Jenkins.

For those interested in experimenting with paint, there are beginner classes in both oil painting and watercolors. These new classes include: "Introduction to Oil Painting," "Study of the Head for Beginners," "Translucent Colors of Light and Shadow and Fundamentals of Watercolor." Dolores Ann Ziegler will be teaching a one-day workshop on acrylic painting titled "Experiment with Acrylic," which will give students the opportunity to experiment with the medium. For the practiced painter, there are several more new and classic classes to choose from: "Study of the Head and Torso," "Still Life and More," and "Translucent Colors of Light and Shadow."

For those interested in drawing, the Arts Council offers a new class titled "Basic Drawing in Color and Pas-

tels," where students will explore color through discussions of color theory and exercises in mixing and layering color. Also available is the "Open Figure Drawing Workshop" every Monday night of the year, a non-instructional workshop where artists can work from a live model in whatever medium they choose for a modest model fee of \$10.

For those wishing to explore more than one medium, the Arts Council offers two new Mixed Media classes. "Collage: Poetry and Narratives" introduces students to the expressive and creative processes of collage and its possibilities as an autobiographical medium. Another new class, "Personal Mandalas," is designed to increase personal creativity while focusing on the meditative quality of these sacred, circular symbols and exploring them in their historical, cultural and artistic context.

In the Performing Arts, the Arts Council now offers classes in two genres of dance. "Beginning Flamenco," "Modern Dance," a new addition to the Arts Council's dance repertoire, will teach students the fundamentals of modern dance technique, with an emphasis placed on movement concepts, vocabulary, technique, alignment, placement and flexibility. For those interested in bringing a balance to their body, the new "Pilates" class teaches students a system that strengthens, lengthens, realigns and defines the body. The Arts Council also offers its regular beginning and intermediate classes in "Black and White Photography," both of which include darkroom usage, and a new one-day workshop entitled "Digital Photography for Dummies."

Also available at the Arts Council is "Women's Memoir Writing," a program that encourages women to write

the stories they were always meant to tell. "Tune into the Muse: A Writing Workshop" is a new class created to aid students in developing their writing abilities. Also new this winter is "Exploring Community with Forum Theatre," in which students will use multiple theatre techniques — games, image theatre and improvisation — to investigate the challenges in Princeton's community.

The Arts Council is now taking registrations for all classes, but they fill up quickly; therefore, it is advisable to register early. It is now easy to find all classes for children, teens, and adults on the website, www.artscouncilofprinceton.org, and to register right online. For more information, including the directions to the conTEMPORARY Ceramics Studio, call (609) 924-8777, ext. 101.

While its downtown arts center is undergoing a major renovation expansion, the Arts Council of Princeton is located in the conTEMPORARY Arts Center at the Princeton Shopping Center in Suite 23B at 301 Harrison Street next to Eckerd. Patrons of the Arts Council will find ample parking available.

Erdman Art Gallery Hosts "Urban Abstractions"

Princeton Theological Seminary's Erdman Art Gallery is presenting "Urban Abstractions," an exhibit by Zenna Broomer that will run from January 4 through February 10.

A painter who continues to explore "The Gritty Urban Landscape" as the subject for her journey from nature into the abstract, Ms. Broomer found inspiration for her recent works in vistas from the New Jersey Turnpike.

She is a graduate of the School of Art and Design at Wolverhampton University, in



SEASONAL COLOR: This mixed media image from Nancy Ori's show, "Hybrids," is part of an exhibition of her work in the company's ongoing New Jersey Artists series. The exhibit will run through January 23, 2006. The gallery is open by appointment only.

the British Midlands, which is considered the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. She emigrated in the 1970s and now resides in the Princeton area. She has exhibited widely in the Northeast.

There will be an artist's reception at the Gallery on Monday, January 9 from 4:30 until 5:45 p.m.

The Erdman Art Gallery is located in Erdman Hall, 20 Library Place, at the Center of Continuing Education at Princeton Theological Seminary. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 2:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

For more information, please call the Center of Continuing Education at (609) 497-7990.

Johnson & Johnson Hosts Mixed Media Photographs

Johnson & Johnson's World Headquarters Gallery is presenting a new exhibition, "Hy-

brids," featuring the New Jersey artist Nancy Ori's mixed media photographs. The exhibition, which is part of the company's ongoing New Jersey Artists series, will run through January 23, 2006.

Ms. Ori refers to her images as hybrids or mixed media because she employs a complicated process. First, she captures the images on film. She then scans and enhances them and transfers them onto watercolor paper.

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the completion through the application of colored pencil, pens, and pastel over the photograph," Ms. Ori said.

Photographing in the West Coast tradition of her longtime mentor, Ansel Adams, Ms. Ori expresses her own interpretation of the landscape and architecture.

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A.R.T.space Gallery of Palmer Square is currently exhibiting "Small Works," a show featuring small paintings and works on paper by the artists of Artistic Realization Technologies (A.R.T.). Located at 53 Hulfish Street in Princeton, the gallery is open from 12 to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and 12 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. "Small Works" will be open through December.

The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center, located at the Princeton Shopping Center, is featuring "From Chaos to Hope," an exhibition of photographs taken by eight local residents with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) at a volunteer camp in Gulfport, Miss. The exhibit is on display in the Reading Room. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 924-8777.

The Cotsen Children's Library at Princeton University is celebrating the bicentenary of Hans Christian Andersen's birth with the exhibition, "Wonderful Stories for Pictures: Hans

Christian Andersen and His Illustrators," on view through March 26, 2006. For more information, call (609) 258-1148, or email ejohnson@princeton.edu.

The Erdman Art Gallery at the Princeton Theological Seminary will be presenting "Urban Abstractions," an exhibit by Zenna Broomer that will run from January 4 through February 10. There will be an artist's reception at the Gallery on Monday, January 9 from 4:30 until 5:45 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 2:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The reception and exhibit are free and open to the public.

Gallery 14 in Hopewell will be presenting an exhibit of photographs by Jim Hilgendorf and David Miller, from January 6 through February 5, with a reception for the public from 6 to 9 p.m. on January 6.

Gallery 125 at 125 South Warren Street across from the Trenton Marriott Hotel is presenting "My America," a juried exhibition of more than 50 artists whose works reflect on the theme of what America means to them. The exhibit, which runs through February 3, 2006, is a prelude to Patriot's Week, December 26 - 31, the annual festival of history, art, and culture celebrating Trenton's role in the American Revolution. Hours are Tuesday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Gallery at the Jewish Center will be showing paintings by Philadelphia painter Alla Podolsky through

January 8, 2006. All paintings in the exhibit are for sale, with 20 percent of the purchase going to the Jewish Center as a donation. The Center is located at 435 Nassau Street, and gallery hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-0100.

Grounds for Sculpture is currently displaying three exhibits: "Menhirs, Dreams, Myths, and Delties," "Balanced Dialogue: 10th Anniversary of the Hungarian Sculptors Society," and the International Sculpture Center's 2005 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards. The exhibits will be on view through April 30, 2006. **Toad Hall Shop and Gallery**, at Grounds, is currently exhibiting "Vessels," a show featuring metal sculptures by Rory Mahon and Catherine Perry, through December 31. Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (609) 586-0616, or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

The Historical Society of Princeton is currently exhibiting, "U.S. Presidents: Famous Faces in Princeton Places," and "The Windmill Turns Slowly: Photographs of the Updike Farm," on view through summer 2006. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-6748.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmermanli Art Museum's feature

exhibition, "Breaking the Mold: Sculpture in Paris from Daumier to Rodin," will be on view through March 12, 2006, in the Vorhees Special Exhibition Galleries. The museum is located at 71 Hamilton Street, on the College Avenue Campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and noon to 5 p.m. on the weekends. The museum is open free to the public on the first Sunday of every month. For more information, call (732) 932-7237, ext. 610, or visit www.zimmerliuseum.rutgers.edu.

Morpeth Gallery is exhibiting the work of Natalie Ferracel in conjunction with a group exhibition of Morpeth Gallery artists during the month of December. The gallery is located at 43 West Broad Street in Hopewell. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Peggy Lewis Gallery at 6 Lilly Street in Lambertville is presenting an exhibit of watercolors, prints, scarves, t-shirts, and painted lamp shades by opera singer Deborah Maher. The exhibit will run through January 16, 2006.

The Present Day Club is exhibiting artwork by Joseph Gyurcsak, through January 1, 2006. The gallery is located at 72 Stockton Street, and is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (609) 924-4846.

The Princeton Day School is featuring works by sculptors Dana Stewart, Harry Gordon, and Elizabeth McCue in a recently installed sculpture park on the grounds of the main campus. The display will be on view until June 15, 2006. The school is at 650 the Great Road, Princeton.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting an intimate, single-monitor installation by the Belgian filmmaker Chantal Akerman through February 26, 2006. In addition to the primary exhibit, "The Legacy of Homer," which will run through January 15. Open to the public without charge Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., the museum is located in the center of the Princeton University campus, next to Prospect House and Gardens. For further information, call (609) 258-3788 or visit www.princetonartmuseum.org.

Princeton University, Mudd Library, is currently exhibiting, "1945: A World United and Divided," which highlights the epochal year that marked the end of World War II. The exhibit, which runs through January 31, 2006, includes documents, letters, diaries, and photographs drawn from Mudd Library's and Princeton University's archives. The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The exhibit is also open Wednesdays until 8 p.m. Mudd Library is located at 65 Olden St., on Princeton University's campus. For more information, call (609) 258-6345.

Small World Coffee will be exhibiting the paintings of alternative folk rocker and Princeton High School gradu-

ate Chris Harford through January 3.

The Suzanne Patterson Resource Center and the Williams Gallery of Fine Art are holding a joint exhibition at the Resource Center celebrating Princeton art and artists titled, "In and Around Princeton." A portion of the proceeds from the sale of artwork will be donated to the Center, which is located at 45 Stockton Street, behind Borough Hall. Hours are weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-1142.

The Trenton City Museum, in collaboration with McCarter Theatre, is currently exhibiting, "Preserving Our Past: An Inspiring Exhibit Honoring Those Who Chronicle Our Heritage," on display through January 22, 2006. The exhibit, which is tied to

McCarter's production of *Gem of the Ocean*, features the Arts Council of Princeton's quilt, a photographic tribute to the Witherspoon-Jackson neighborhood. Also on display from now through January 8, 2006: "Rock, Paper: The Extraordinary Work of Petro Hul and Sarah Stengle." Located in the Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park in Trenton, the museum's hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 989-3632.

Triumph Brewery is currently showing over 40 of Town Topics photographer George Vogel's theater photographs. The works are best seen in the afternoon hours, between 1 and 4 p.m. The exhibit runs through January 22.

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Westminster Announces Flummerfelt's Successor

Dr. Joe Miller has been appointed director of choral activities at Westminster Choir College beginning July 1, 2006. He will succeed Joseph Flummerfelt, who served as Westminster's director of choral activities from 1970 until his retirement in 2004.

Dr. Miller, currently Director of Choral Studies, Professor of Music, and Voice Area Chair at Western Michigan University's School of Music, has conducted his choirs in both national and international festivals, and has served as guest conductor for numerous honors choirs. His previous positions include Director of Choral and Vocal Activities at California State University, Stanislaus from 1994 to 1999, Artistic Director/Conductor of the Stockton Choral, and Music Director of the Mother Lode Music Festival. He earned a master's degree and DMA in choral conducting from the College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati.

"This appointment is the culmination of an extensive international search," said Westminster Dean Robert Annis. "Dr. Miller is an outstanding musician with a deep respect for Westminster's traditions, and has the energy and imagination to carry that tradition forward. He joins a line of exceptional conductors, beginning with John Finley Williamson and continuing through Joseph Flummerfelt, who have made Westminster what it is today."

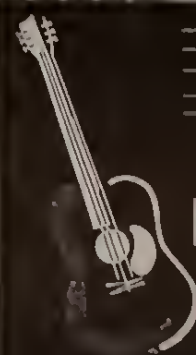
Founded by Mr. Williamson in 1926 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton, Ohio, Westminster Choir College moved to Princeton in 1932. It merged with Rider University in 1992. At the school's core is a four-year music college and graduate school that prepares musicians for careers in schools, universities, and churches, and as performers. The college has eight major choirs, including the 150-voice Westminster Symphonic Choir and the 40-voice Westminster Choir, which is the chorus-in-residence at the Spoleto Festival USA in Charleston, S.C.

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State Theatre to Present London's Royal Philharmonic

London's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, under the baton of conductor Matthias Bamert, will present a program of music by Sibelius, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky at New Brunswick's State Theatre on Tuesday, January 24 at 8 p.m. The program, featuring guest violinist Joan Kwuon, will include Sibelius' *Finlandia*, Mozart's *Concerto for Violin and Orchestra No. 5 in A Major*, and Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 4 in F Minor*.

Ms. Kwuon, who has performed in major halls worldwide, will join the orchestra as soloist in Mozart's *Turkish violin concerto*.

Formed by Sir Thomas Beecham in 1946, the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra has established a worldwide reputation for excellence. Its musical direction has been guided by a series of distinguished maestros including Rudolf Kempe, Antal Dorati, André Previn, and Vladimir Ashkenazy. Today, under the leadership of Daniele Gatti, the orchestra's music director since 1996, the orchestra continues to expand its international status while maintaining its commitment to its role as Britain's national orchestra.

The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra's new home is Cadogan Hall in Chelsea, London's newest concert venue, where forthcoming concerts will feature Emma Johnson, Tasmin Little, and Julian Lloyd Webber. Its 2005-06 season features performances of such large-scale pieces as Mahler's *Resurrection Symphony* and *Symphony of a Thousand*, Britten's *War Requiem*, Orff's *Carmina Burana*, and Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring*.

As an international orchestra, the Royal Philharmonic has played for Pope John Paul II at the Vatican, the President of China in Tiananmen Square, and at the 10th anniversary celebration of Kazakhstan's Independence. It was also privileged to be invited to record the music for the opening ceremony of the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens.

Mr. Bamert was appointed Associate Guest Conductor of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in September 2001. He conducts two subscription concerts a year at the Royal Festival Hall, and tours with the orchestra in the U.K. and abroad. As principal guest conductor of the Scottish National Orchestra and director of the Glasgow contemporary music festival, *Musica Nova*, from 1985 to 1990, he became known for his innovative programming, conducting the world premieres of works by many composers. Born in Switzerland, he has lived in London since 1987.

Ms. Kwuon has performed extensively as soloist with orchestras on such stages as Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, St. David's Hall, and Ozawa Hall at the Tanglewood Festival. She has been a guest artist at numerous international music festivals, including Cité de la Musique and Consonance in France.

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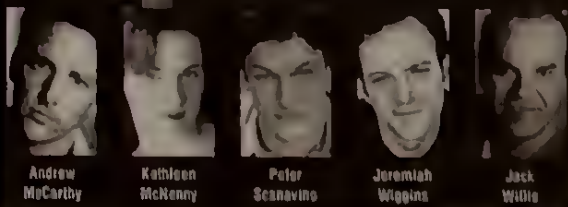
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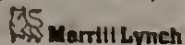
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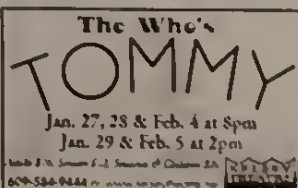
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McCarter Schedules Eugene O'Neill Play For Six-Weekend Run

McCarter Theatre has scheduled Eugene O'Neill's *A Moon for the Misbegotten* for a six-weekend run beginning January 13 and running through February 19 on the Berlind stage. The show will be directed by Gary Griffin, who previously directed *My Fair Lady* at McCarter in 2004.

The cast will feature Andrew McCarthy as James Tyrone Jr., Kathleen McNenny as Josie, and Jack Willis as Phil Hogan.

A comic drama about love, heartbreak, guilt, and redemption, *A Moon for the Misbegotten* features three characters doing battle with the yearnings of the human heart over the course of a single whiskey-soaked moonlit night.

Mr. McCarthy, an original member of Hollywood's so-called "Brat Pack," starred in such films as *Pretty in Pink*, *St. Elmo's Fire*, *Mannequin*, and *Weekend at Bernie's*. His theater credits include the Tony-nominated *Sideman* on Broadway and the off-Broadway productions of *The Exonerated* and *Fat Pig*. At Hartford Stage, he played the role of Jamie Tyrone opposite Ellen Burstyn, and co-starred with Elizabeth Ashley in *The Glass Menagerie*. Most recently, he appeared in the ABC television drama *Kingdom Hospital*. A New Jersey native, he was born in

Westfield and attended the Pingry School in Bernardsville.

Ms. McNenny appeared on Broadway in *The Constant Wife* with Kate Burton. After the fall with Peter Krause, and *A Few Good Men*. Mr. Willis was recently seen on Broadway in *Julius Caesar* with Denzel Washington. His other Broadway credits include *The Crucible* with Liam Neeson, David Mamet's *The Old Neighborhood* with Patti LuPone, and *Art*.

Mr. Griffin recently made his Broadway debut with *The Color Purple* after directing the world premiere production at the Alliance Theatre last year. His *Pacific Overtones* at London's Donmar Warehouse received the Olivier Award for Outstanding Musical Production. In New York he has directed *The Apple Tree*, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, *Pardon My English*, and *The New Moon* for City Center Encores.

Performances will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m.; Saturday matinees at 3 p.m.; and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. A "Dialogue on Drama" will be offered on Sunday, January 22, and two post-performance discussions will take place on Wednesday, January 25 and Sunday, January 29. An American Sign Language Interpreted performance will be held on Saturday, February 18 at 3 p.m.; an Audio Described performance on Sunday, February 19 at 2 p.m.

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"West Wing" Actor to Star in "Underneath the Lintel"

George Street Playhouse Artistic Director David Saint and Managing Director Mitchell Krieger have announced that Richard Schiff, a star of the long-running television drama *The West Wing*, will appear at the New Brunswick theatre in the one-man play *Underneath the Lintel*, by Glen Berger, beginning January 10. The play will run through February 5.



Richard Schiff

Maria Mileaf, who won a Barrymore Award for her work on *The Story* at Philadelphia Theatre Company, will direct. It will be a homecoming of sorts for Ms. Mileaf, whose first job in theatre was as an apprentice at the George Street Playhouse.

Underneath the Lintel is the tale of a Danish librarian, who, upon finding a 113-year overdue book, goes on a search to find the culprit, and winds up on a life-changing quest. One clue builds upon another as his journey takes him around the globe, with results carrying mystical and spiritual implications.

"All my plays are first inspired by music, and *Underneath the Lintel* was inspired particularly by certain Klezmer/Yiddish music," said Mr. Berger in the play's Afterword. The playwright has also written the book and lyrics to *A Night in the Old*

Marketplace, a musical that received a National Foundation for Jewish Culture grant. He was nominated for both a Humanitas Prize and an Emmy for his work on the PBS children's series *Arthur*.

Underneath the Lintel opened in New York in September 2001. It has been described by the Los Angeles Times as "a satisfying mix of intelligent writing and quirky humor."

Mr. Schiff has portrayed White House communications director Toby Ziegler in NBC's *The West Wing* from the series' inception. Prior to *The West Wing*, he was perhaps best known for his TV portrayal of Barry Roth on the series *Relativity*. He has also appeared on such shows as *Ally McBeal*, *The Practice*, *Chicago Hope*, and *ER*. His film credits include *Seven* with Brad Pitt and Morgan Freeman and *City Hall* with Al Pacino. In all he has appeared in more than 40 features, including Spike Lee's *Malcolm X*, Danny DeVito's *Hoffa*, Nora Ephron's *Michael*, and Steven Spielberg's *Jurassic Park: The Lost World*. He won an Emmy in 2000 for best supporting actor in a drama series for his work on *The West Wing*.

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CINEMA REVIEW

Munich

Israeli Hit Squad Tracks Down Terrorists in Espionage Thriller

Even though Hitler had stripped German Jews of their citizenship a year earlier, the International Olympic Committee decided to allow Berlin to host the Olympic Games during the summer of '36. The absence of a reaction on the part of the United States and other participating nations served to fuel the subsequent Nazi expansion which resulted in World War II and the tragedy of the Holocaust.

This is why the whole world was watching Munich in '72, the first time after World War II that the games would be held in Germany. Optimistically billed as "The Olympics of Serenity," its consciously-cultivated aura of peace and harmony was shattered on the morning of September 5 when a Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) group called Black September stormed the Israeli athlete's quarters.

By the time the ensuing standoff ended in a bloody shootout about 20 hours later, after a botched rescue attempt by the Germans, 11 Israeli hostages, 1 policeman, and 5 of the terrorists lay dead. "They're all gone," was the ever-echoing refrain uttered by stunned, ABC-TV anchorman Jim McKay when he went on the air to inform the public.

Munich, an emotionally-engaging, espionage thriller directed by Steven Spielberg, revisits the retribution eventually exacted by Israel to avenge the tragedy. Based on the 1984 best seller *Vengeance: The True Story of an Israeli Counter-Terrorist Team* by George Jonas, the story was previously adapted into a made-for-TV movie entitled *Sword of Gideon*.

With a plotline closer to the HBO production than the original source material, this version stars Eric Bana (*Hulk*) as Avner, the Mossad agent personally tapped by Prime Minister Golda Meir (Lynn Cohen) to

lead a team of five assassins on a top secret mission to track down and kill the masterminds of the Munich massacre. Out of a sense of patriotic duty, he accepts the assignment, leaving behind a wife (Ayelet Zurer) who is pregnant with their first child.

Relying on Ephraim (Geoffrey Rush), the only Israeli intelligence officer Avner is permitted to contact, he adopts a new identity and assembles a hand-picked task force of highly-skilled experts. This includes Robert (Mathieu Kassovitz), a Belgian bomb-maker; a German Jew Hans (Hanns Zischler), a crack forger and document expert; Carl (Ciaran Hinds), a crime scene sweeper who cleans up after each hit; and Steve (Daniel Craig), their South African getaway driver.

Understanding that Israel would disavow any connection to them if caught, the quintet goes underground. They embark

on an operation which has them crisscrossing Europe with stops in Geneva, Frankfurt, Rome, Paris, Athens, Cyprus, Holland, and London, before returning to the Middle East.

What makes this movie remarkable and compelling is the degree to which the personalities of the principal characters are detailed and developed. Spielberg masterfully conveys the toll which the inordinate tension of their job takes on their consciences.

Away from friends and family for months and months on end, they undergo an erosion of their moral bearings and they question whether an "eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" is the right response to terrorism. Though spiritually transformed in unanticipated ways, missing loved ones, and plagued, alternatively, by both disgust and self-doubt, they persevere, even though they have somehow been discovered by the enemy, and are now themselves being hunted.

Excellent (★★★★). Rated R for explicit eroticism, expletives, nudity, and violence. Running time: 164 minutes. Distributor: Universal.

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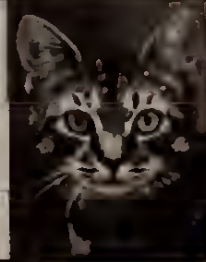
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AT THE CINEMA

Breakfast at Pluto (R for sex, expletives, violence, and drug use). Liam Neeson and Cillian Murphy star in this gender-bending comedy, set in the sixties, about a troubled, transvestite foster child who grows up and abandons his tiny Irish hometown to pursue a career as a cross-dressing cabaret singer in England.

Brakeback Mountain (R for sex, expletives, nudity, and violence). Oscar-nominee Ang Lee (*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*) directs this homoerotic drama based on the Annie Proulx short story of the same name. Set in Wyoming and Texas in the sixties, this romantic tale revolves around the divergent fortunes of a couple of closeted gay cowboys, one of whom finds fame in the rodeo (Jake Gyllenhaal) while the other remains a lowly ranch hand (Heath Ledger). With Michelle Williams and Anne Hathaway as their wives.

Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG for crude humor and mild epithets). Steve Martin and Bonnie Hunt reprise their roles as Tom and Kate Baker, a Chicago couple with 12 children. The sequel, set during a summer vacation taken at rustic Lake Winnetka, pits the Bakers versus the Murtaughs, a competitive clan of 8 headed by Eugene Levy and Carmen Electra.

The Chronicles of Narnia (PG for battle sequences and other frightening moments). Disney animated interpretation of the fanciful C.S. Lewis children's novel, set in the English countryside during the Second World War, follows the adventures of four siblings who happen upon a magical, parallel universe where a lion (Liam Neeson) enlists their help to break the spell of an evil witch (Tilda Swinton).

The Family Stone (PG-13 for sex and drug use). Christmas comedy about an eligible bachelor (Dermot Mulroney) who brings home his fiancée (Sarah Jessica Parker) to meet his parents (Diane Keaton and Craig T. Nelson) and siblings (Rachel McAdams and Luke Wilson) at the family's annual holiday gathering.

Fun with Dick and Jane (PG-13 for sexual humor, profanity, and drug references). Jim Carrey and Tea Leoni assume the roles played by George Segal and Jane Fonda in this remake of the 1977 crime comedy about a successful suburban couple who turn to robbery to maintain their standard of living after losing their high-paying jobs. With Alec Baldwin and Angie Harmon.

Good Night, and Good Luck (PG for adult themes and brief profanity). George Clooney wrote, directed and co-stars in this fifties docu-drama, shot in black & white, which revisits CBS journalist Edward R. Murrow's (David Strathairn) determination to expose the overzealous efforts of the House Un-American Activities Committee as a witch hunt, despite being called a Communist by Senator Joe McCarthy. With Patricia Clarkson and Jeff Daniels.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13 for fantasy violence and frightening images). Rapidly-maturing, principal cast intact, Mike Newell (*Four Weddings and a Funeral*) assumes the helm to direct the fourth installment in the franchise based on J.K. Rowling's series of children's novels. The now 14 year-old boy wizard (Daniel Radcliffe) with a penchant for ending up in dire predicaments finds himself back at Hogwarts where he is chosen to compete in the big tournament against students from a couple of other schools dedicated to the occult.

King Kong (PG-13 for frightening images and violence). Oscar-winner Peter Jackson (*The Lord of the Rings*) directs second remake of the 1933 classic about explorers who return from the jungles of Sumatra with an overgrown primate who proceeds to go ape over the beautiful actress (Naomi Watts) who holds the key to soothing his beastly nature. Cast includes Adrien Brody, Jack Black and Colin Hanks.

Memoirs of a Geisha (PG-13 for sexual content and mature subject matter). Oscar-nominee Rob Marshall (*Chicago*) directs this adaptation of Arthur Golden's book, set in Pre WWII Japan, about the life of a girl (Zi Yi Zhang) trained from the age of nine in the arts of pleasing men.

Munich (R for sex, expletives, nudity, and violence). Steven Spielberg directs this espionage docudrama, which revisits the daring exploits of the secret hit squad, led by a Mossad agent (Eric Bana), assigned to track down and kill the 11 Palestinian terrorists responsible for the slaughter of 11 Israeli athletes during the 1972 Summer Olympics in Germany. Cast includes Geoffrey Rush and Daniel Craig.

Pride and Prejudice (PG for mature themes). Tenth adaptation of the Jane Austen classic exploration of late 18th Century British gentility revolves around a meddling mom's (Brenda Blethyn) efforts to marry off her five daughters (Keira Knightley, Jenna Malone, Talulah Riley, Rosamund Pike, and Carey Mulligan) to appropriate eligible bachelors, especially the wealthy Mr. Darcy (Matthew MacFadyen). Cast includes Donald Sutherland and Dame Judi Dench.

The Producers (PG-13 for sexual references). Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick reprise their roles from the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical as a couple of con men who concoct a get-rich-quick scheme to bilk investors by inducing them to back a play certain to flop. Cast includes Will Ferrell, Uma Thurman, Andrea Martin, and Jon Lovitz.

The Ringer (PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, profanity, and drug references). Johnny Knoxville handles the title role in this over-the-top comedy about a creep who makes believe he's mentally challenged in order to enter the Special Olympics and win a bet that will enable him to pay off a debt.

Rumor Has It (PG-13 for mature themes, crude humor, sex content, and a drug reference). A meet-my-dysfunctional family comedy, about a New York Times obituary writer (Jennifer Aniston) who brings her new fiancé (Mark Ruffalo) home to Pasadena only to stumble upon a well-kept family secret, namely, that the movie *The Graduate* was modeled on the extramarital affair that her mom (Shirley MacLaine) had years ago with a college grad (Kevin Costner) who might be her father.

Syriana (R for violence and profanity). George Clooney heads the ensemble cast in the lead role of this multi-layered, political potboiler, based on *See No Evil*, Robert Baer's memoir of his international derring-do during a 21-year career with the CIA. With Oscar-winners Matt Damon, William Hurt, and Chris Cooper, Amanda Peet, Jeffrey Wright, Tim Blake Nelson and Christopher Plummer.

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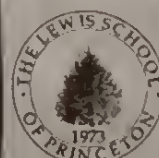
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What If I Want to Separate, But Not Divorce?

If you are thinking about becoming legally separated from your spouse, you may find it helpful to know your different options to make sure you achieve the outcome you seek. A "legal separation" can be obtained in writing (with a Separation Agreement); by Judgment (with a Judgment for Separate Maintenance); or by an oral agreement the terms of which have been fully enacted.

A general understanding of the divorce process will assist in understanding "legal separation" in New Jersey. Generally speaking, there are two ways to get divorced. One process is first to enter into an agreement with your spouse settling all the issues, e.g., support and property distribution, and then to file a Complaint for Divorce asking the court to enter a Judgment of Divorce which incorporates your settlement agreement. This process keeps your case out of the court system until after you have settled the issues between yourselves (usually with the assistance of family law attorneys) and seeks the court's assistance only to dissolve the bonds of matrimony by entering such a decree. On the other hand, you can enter your case into the court system from the very beginning (or after your settlement attempts have failed) by filing a Complaint for Divorce asking for the court to address the unresolved issues, e.g., support, property distribution, etc. This approach still affords you the opportunity to settle your case with your spouse. However, you must participate in further court-mandated processes and proceedings along the way. If your case does not settle and you end up going to trial, then a judge will decide the issues in your case.

Agreements to Separate

Sometimes couples seek to separate, but not divorce. They may not want to divorce for religious or emotional reasons or for other practical reasons. Perhaps there is a possibility of reconciliation for some couples, but during the time of separation, certain issues must be addressed, like custody, spousal support, and child support. In these types of cases, the parties have options similar to those available if they were divorcing, as discussed above. They may enter into a separation agreement which generally reflects the same type of agreement they would enter into were they going to seek a divorce or they may file a separation action, as discussed below. If they choose to enter into a separation agreement between themselves, they do not file any type of Complaint nor obtain any Judgment, as is done in divorce situations. Instead, they have entered into a contract addressing each other's rights and obligations during their period of separation, but because a court has not dissolved the marriage by entering any Judgment on their behalf, they are still married. The separation agreement is a legally binding document, just as any valid contract, and will be enforced so long as it is just and equitable.

Filing for Legal Separation

In other cases where divorce is not the sought after option, but the parties desire a judicial decree of separation or one spouse needs court intervention to obtain financial support from the other, New Jersey law provides two different actions: "divorce from bed and board" or "separate maintenance." Such actions commonly are referred to as "legal separation" and commonly are referred to as being the same action. However, they are actually different types of actions that can be filed and each one is filed for a different reason.

Divorce from Bed and Board

An action for divorce from bed and board, sometimes called a "limited divorce," is designed to provide for a judgment that does all that a

divorce decree does except dissolve the marriage or terminate the bonds of matrimony. The focus of a divorce from bed and board is to do away with the marital obligations of cohabitation, just as in an absolute divorce. A divorce from bed and board is filed and entered on the same grounds as an absolute divorce. However, while either party may file for an absolute divorce, both parties must join in requesting a limited divorce. During the time that a divorce from bed and board is in effect, any property acquired by either party after entry of a limited divorce is that party's separate property because all property rights of the parties remain as though a judgment of absolute divorce had been entered. In case of reconciliation of the parties, the bed and board divorce law specifically provides that parties may file for a revocation or suspension of the judgment of divorce from bed and board. Likewise, should the parties not reconcile but later seek an absolute divorce, the prior entry of a divorce from bed and board does not prevent them from filing for an absolute divorce, which a court must grant as a matter of right.

Separate Maintenance

The sole purpose in filing an action for separate maintenance is to enforce the supporting spouse's obligation to provide financial support to the family. The spouse who needs financial support, the dependent spouse, files this action for support when the supporting spouse has abandoned the dependent spouse and has refused or neglected to maintain and provide support for the dependent spouse. A spouse's abandonment may be actual or constructive. Actual abandonment occurs when a supporting spouse leaves without justifiable cause and refuses to provide support. Constructive abandonment occurs when the dependent spouse separates him/herself from the supporting spouse for a reason which would justify filing a divorce action against the supporting spouse, e.g., adultery or extreme cruelty. An order for separate maintenance sets forth the supporting spouse's support obligation, but does not affect the status of the marriage, nor will it address any division of property, nor will it address custody.

Decrees of divorce from bed and board and separate maintenance are similar in that neither dissolves the bonds of matrimony, as an absolute divorce does; however, they differ in their focus and the basis for filing each will differ from case to case. It is important to recognize the potential legal and tax effects of obtaining a judgment for separate maintenance versus a limited divorce. For instance, since a bed and board divorce nullifies the marital obligations of cohabitation, while the separate maintenance statute favors resumption of cohabitation, certain effects could result when it comes time to file taxes if the parties dispute over filing jointly or separately. One New Jersey case held that where an order of separate maintenance was entered, the parties could file a joint income tax return for that year because the parties were not legally separated within the context of the intent of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, because of the nuances of the laws in this area, it is advisable to consult a family law attorney before entering into any type of separation agreement or filing for a divorce from bed and board or for separate maintenance to make sure that you accomplish what you intend to do. For additional assistance, contact Jan Bernstein, Esq. or any of the Family Law attorneys at Riker Danzig.

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YEAR END REVIEW

'Tiger Sports Saw Unaccustomed Struggles in 2005; High Schoolers Produced Individual Efforts to Savor

For Princeton University athletics, 2005 was a year where the unexpected became commonplace as several storied programs took a fall from accustomed heights with some pleasant surprises thrown in the mix.

On the local high school scene, while state championships were hard to come by, many individual athletes produced performances to savor.

Winter Woes

There was plenty of hoopla when Princeton University alum Joe Scott, a former Tiger star and longtime assistant coach at his alma mater, came east from the Air Force to take the helm of the hoops program.

With the fiery Scott guiding a veteran-laden team, the Tigers were installed as favorites to defend their Ivy League title.

But the excitement turned to frustration as Princeton struggled mightily down the stretch, going 6-8 in league games, posting

the program's first-ever losing record in Ivy play.

While the team went 15-13 overall, its struggles in league play made it a tough finale for senior stars, Judson Wallace and Will Venable, who both ended their Tiger careers with more than 1,000 points.

The Tiger men's hockey team also got a new coach as Guy Gadowsky came from Alaska-Fairbanks looking to breathe life into the struggling Princeton program.

Although the Tigers did show new punch as Dustin Sproat tied for the ECAC Hockey League lead in scoring, the team fizzled in the latter stages of the season as it finished with an 8-20-3 overall record.

Led by longtime head coach Jeff Kampersal, the Princeton women's hockey team once again posted a winning mark, going 16-10-5 overall.

Unable to overcome injuries, the season ended in frustration as the Tigers fell 2-0 to

Yale in the opening round of the ECACHL playoffs. A new star emerged for Princeton as sophomore Liz Keady tied for the team lead in scoring with 32 points on 16 goals and 16 assists. The speedy, feisty Keady is putting her junior season on hold as she tries to make the U.S. national team for the 2006 Winter Olympics.

The Princeton men's and women's swimming teams fell short in their attempt to remain at the top of the Ivy League.

Senior women's star Stephanie Hslao, though, ended her glittering career in style at the Ivy League Championships as she won individual titles in the 100 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, and 200 individual medley and helped the Tigers to victories in four relays: the 200 free, 400 free, 800 free, and 200 medley.

Another individual stand-out, men's squash star

Yasser El Halaby, provided the highlight of the winter season as he won the national Intercollegiate singles title. El Halaby, a native of Egypt, is the first male player to win the crown in each of his first three seasons.

Spring Flings:

Coming into the spring, the Tiger men's lacrosse team had won 10 straight Ivy League titles, tying a record held by several programs including Princeton's field hockey team.

But like those other programs, the Tigers proved unable to win that elusive 11th straight league title. Missing graduated playmaker Ryan Boyle, Princeton struggled to score goals from the outset.

The team's offensive woes doomed Princeton's title hopes as the club posted a 5-7 overall record, failing to qualify for the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1989.

Hall of Fame coach Bill Tierney, though, saw hope for the future as Princeton finished strongly, ending with a 4-2 record in Ivy play to finish in a tie for second with Dartmouth.

The Tiger women's lacrosse team also fell short of the Ivy crown, as a loss at Dartmouth relegated the proud Tigers to second place.

Having advanced to four straight NCAA Final Fours, coach Chris Sailer's team looked like it may make up for the league's disappointment as it bombed Maryland 16-8 in the opening round of the national tournament.

Princeton, though, fell to eventual national champion Northwestern 8-6 in the NCAA quarters to end the season with a 13-5 record.

While the finale was disappointing, senior star Lindsey Biles left quite a legacy as she was named the 2005 Ivy League Co-Player



TAKING THE J-TRAIN: Princeton University senior All-American Jay McCarreins streaks 75 yards down the sideline with a key touchdown in the Tigers' 23-21 opening day win at Lafayette. McCarreins produced a stellar final campaign as he led the country with nine interceptions and scored four touchdowns on returns to help Princeton to a 7-3 record and a second-place finish in the Ivy League.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

of the Year and ended her career second in program history in goals (175) and points (221).

The Tiger baseball team, another consistent Ivy contender, also ended the spring on a down note. After having won nine straight Lou Gehrig division titles during coach Scott Bradley's tenure, Princeton went 17-24 and lost out to Cornell in the Gehrig race.

Two-sport star Venable turned heads all spring as he hit .385 with nine homers and 33 RBIs, earning first-team All-Ivy recognition. Venable joined the professional ranks following graduation as he signed with the San Diego Padre organization upon being taken in the seventh round of the Major League Baseball amateur draft.

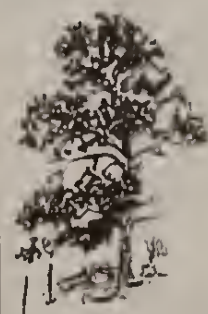
Fireballing hurler Erin Snyder pitched like a pro as she helped the Princeton softball team regain the Ivy League crown. Snyder went 17-5 and was named the Ivy League

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GOAL-ORIENTED: Princeton University women's lacrosse star Lindsey Biles, left, races up the field in the Tigers' win over Maryland in the NCAA tournament. Biles left quite a legacy as she was named the 2005 Ivy League Co-Player of the Year and ended her career second in program history in goals (175) and points (221).

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Pitcher of the Year as the Tigers winning their third Ivy crown in four seasons.

Coach Maureen Barron's squad earned some respect nationally as it won a game at the NCAA regional tournament, the first Princeton win at the tourney since 1996. The Tigers finished with an overall record of 36-20, going 12-2 in Ivy play.

The Princeton golf teams gained a lot of respect from their foes as they both cruised to Ivy titles. The men's team won its second straight crown and fifth in the last six years,



TWO-TIMER: Princeton University two-sport star Will Venable places a bunt in action last spring for the Tiger baseball team. Venable was a first-team All-Ivy selection in baseball after hitting .385 this past spring. Venable also earned All-Ivy recognition in basketball, finishing his Tiger career with 1,010 points. Following his graduation from Princeton, Venable signed with the San Diego Padre organization upon being taken in the seventh round of the Major League Baseball amateur draft.

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dominating the field as it shot a two-under 862 for the lowest three-round total in the 26-year history of the Ivy League championships.

Creighton Page led the way, becoming the 12th Princeton player to win the Ivy individual title with teammates Jason Gerken finishing second.

As for the Tiger women, Meg Nakamura, Sharla Cloutier, and Avery Kiser went 2-3-4 in the Ivy tournament to pace Princeton to its second straight league crown and third in five seasons.

Fall Fun

As autumn approached, it seemed likely that the Princeton football team was destined to remain stuck in the middle of the Ivy pack.

Picked in the preseason media poll to finish sixth among the Ivies, the doubts about the Tigers were heightened by the fact head coach Roger Hughes was breaking in a new offensive backfield.

Untested junior quarterback Jeff Terrell proved to be up to the challenge as his combination of coolness under fire and athleticism put the Tigers on the winning track from the start.

But it was senior defensive star Jay McCareins who gave Princeton the spark to go from league also-rans to Ivy contenders.

McCareins' clutch play in the defensive backfield and on special teams helped Princeton go 7-3 overall and 5-2 in league play, tied for second with Harvard behind champion Brown.

The 6'0, 195-pound McCareins led the country in interceptions in nine and made four returns for touchdowns as he earned first-team All-American recognition. Along the way, he helped Princeton snap nine-year losing streaks to Harvard and Penn.

After losing 10 seniors to graduation from a team that went on a magical ride to the NCAA Final Four in 2004, coach Julie Shackford knew that her Princeton women's soccer team was bound to suffer some growing pains.

Adjusting to the loss of so much talent and experience, the team struggled early in the season, dropping to 3-6-2 after a 2-1 loss to Rutgers in mid-October.

But with senior star Emily Behncke shouldering the load, Princeton produced a late-season surge that saw it win its last five games to finish at 8-6-2 and end up tied with Dartmouth for second in the league behind Yale.

Behncke scored a league-leading 14 goals and was named the Ivy League Player of the Year. She ended her glittering career with 39 goals and 90 points, leaving her third on the program's all-time list in both categories.

The men's soccer team also had trouble scoring early, getting off to a 3-6-1 start as it was eliminated from the Ivy League title race before the final weekend of the season.




AHEAD OF THE PACK: Princeton University senior distance star Cack Ferrell speeds to a third-place finish this past fall in the Ivy League Heptagonal cross country championship meet. Ferrell later won the NCAA Mid-Atlantic regional meet and earned All-American status by placing 10th in the national championship meet.

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But with gritty senior star Darren Spicer playing hard to the end, Princeton went 3-2-1 in its last six games to end up 6-8-23 overall and 3-3-1 in Ivy play.

Princeton's field hockey team, on the other hand, dominated league play from the start, going 7-0 in Ivy play to win its 11th title in the last 12 years.

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Hosting third-seeded Duke in the opening round of the NCAA tournament, coach Kristen Holmes-Winn's squad nearly engineered an upset for the ages. Princeton led the Blue Devils for most of the game before falling in overtime after a potential game-winning goal was disallowed by the officials.

Tiger cross country runners flew high as both teams finished second in the Ivy League Heptagonal championship race.

Women's star Cack Ferrell added another line to her glittering resume as she won the NCAA Mid-Atlantic regional meet and earned All-American status by placing 10th in the national championship meet. As for the men, senior Frank Macreery set the pace as he also ended the fall as an All-American.

Hun School

Sparked by a core of hardened veterans, the Hun School girls' basketball team produced one of the best seasons in school history as it went 22-3.

Led by senior starters Shantee Darrian, Nadine Maeser, and Jill Foseca, Hun cruised to wins in all games where their opponent was not Peddie, outscoring their victims by an average of 17 points a game. Coach Bill Holup's Raiders fell to the nationally-ranked Falcons three times with one of those losses coming in the state Prep A finals and another coming in the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) championship game.

With the return of such stars as Mary Stinson and Emily Gratch and the addition of some new talent, Holup's crew is poised to see if it can overcome Peddie in crunch time this winter.

The Hun boys team was also thwarted by Peddie, falling to the rival Falcons in the semifinals of the Prep A and MAPL tournaments.

Coach Jon Stone's club finished 16-8, winning the prestigious Peddie School Invitational Tournament along the way. While the program said goodbye to such graduated standouts as Gary Garris, Leo Nolan, and Charlie Fritsch, the emergence of sophomore star Idris Hilliard bodes well for the future.

On the ice, the Raiders were unable to match the feat of a year ago when they won the MCT crown. Still, coach Francois Bourbeau's team produced some memorable moments, going 11-6-1 and winning its inaugural invitational tournament and advancing to the state Prep semifinals.

The spring season saw four outstanding stars shine brightly. In baseball, talented senior lefty pitcher Steve Garrison mowed down the opposition, going 8-0 on the spring and signing with the Milwaukee Brewers organization after graduation. Garrison struck out 84 batters and walked just five in 48 innings of work this spring, ending his Hun career with a 25-4 record.

When Garrison was not on the mound, coach Bill McQuade's squad found the wins harder to come by. Hun finished the season with a 15-8 mark, falling to Peddie in the state Prep A finals.

In softball, senior pitching ace Emily Rosenthal was plagued by a sore arm early in the spring. As the temperature climbed, Rosenthal found her stuff, producing some dominant outings as the Raiders

advanced to the state Prep A title game. Coach Kathy Quirk's team, like others at the school, couldn't overcome Peddie as the Raiders fell to the Falcons in the championship game and ended with a final record of 11-7.

Bis Fries rewrote the record book during the course of her career with the Hun girls' lacrosse program. The slender Fries utilized her stunning stickwork to go through and around opposing defense as she scored 111 points on 81 goals and 30 assists. In so doing, the attacker, who is now playing at Stanford, became the first player in program history to eclipse the 200-goal mark in a career.

With Fries and Ashley Wycoff providing the punch up front, coach Lauren Provenzano guided her squad to a 12-5 record and a berth in the state Prep A semifinals.

As for the boys' lacrosse team, junior star Matt Loy continued to burnish his legacy as he passed the 200-point mark in his Hun career. Coach Eric Kemp's squad finished 11-8 and advanced to the state Prep A final where it fell to Lawrenceville.

Entering the fall, the Hun football squad was the consen-

sus pick to repeat as MAPL champion. But with superstar Myron Rolle hobbled with a leg injury for much of the season, coach Dave Dudeck's Raiders fell short of the lofty expectations, finishing with a disappointing 4-5 record.

Despite the loss of singles star Angela DiPastina to graduation, the Hun girls' tennis team remained a formidable force. In October, the Raiders won their fifth straight MCT crown and then a month later they tied with Lawrenceville for the Prep A team crown. Coach Joan Nuse was able to mold a champion, welcoming transfers Hillary Drewry and Anna Winberg into a mix which featured such veteran stars as Catie Druker, Lucy DiPastina, and Alex Connell.

With new coach Antoinette Allen at the helm, the Hun field hockey team picked up where it left off in 2004 when a late-season surge propelled it into the state Prep A title game. Led by senior star Katie Kiman, the Raiders started hot and ended up with a 13-7-1 mark.

PDS

Making history of the wrong kind, the PDS boys' ice

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TRIPLE THREAT: Stuart Country Day star Kelly Bruvik, right, races up the field on her way to a two-goal performance in Stuart's 2-1 win over Allentown in the Mercer County Tournament (MCT) championship game. Bruvik was the leading scorer for the Tartans as she amassed 43 points on 22 goals and 21 assists. This past spring, Bruvik led the Stuart lacrosse team in scoring with 78 points as she helped the Tartans capture the state Prep B title. In the winter, Bruvik was a top scorer for the Tartan basketball team which advanced to the state Prep B semis.

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ALL DECKED OUT: Members of the Princeton High girls swimming team celebrate after cruising past Haddonfield in the Public B Central Jersey final. The Little Tigers, led by superstar Nina Rossi, advanced to the Public B state championship meet for the second straight year, losing to Scotch Plains-Fanwood.

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hockey team saw its state Prep title streak end at seven as the Panthers dropped a 3-2 heartbreaker to Morristown-Beard in the championship game.

But that setback didn't take away from the excellent season put together by Chris Barless' crew as it posted a 16-6-2 mark. Playing some games with just 15 or so players in uniform, the Panthers got scoring and leadership from senior star Will Denise as it battled through a demanding schedule.

With Meg Kerwin ending her career in style, the PDS girls' hockey team produced some memorable moments as it posted a final record of 9-14. The prolific Kerwin scored a team-high 49 points on 38 goals and 11 assists to help coach John Cook's squad advance to the state Prep semis.

On the hardwood, the PDS boys' hoops team couldn't repeat the magic which saw it advance to the state Prep B title game in 2003-04. The Panthers slipped to a 7-18 record with a major highlight coming when junior star Drew Godwin passed the 1,000-point mark in his PDS career.

In the spring, the PDS boys' tennis team made history as it captured the state Prep B team title for the first time since 1999. Coach Rome

Campbell found a new star as freshman David Holland advanced to both the state Prep B and MCT championship match at first singles.

The Panthers posted a 13-3 mark in dual matches and tied for second in the MCT. With such stars as Holland, Seth Stein, Sanjeev Sharma, and Bo Marshall slated to return, PDS figures to win some more titles in the next few seasons.

The PDS baseball team came within one victory of winning the state Prep B title as it advanced to the championship game before losing to Newark Academy.

Coach Bruce Devlin's club boasted a well-rounded lineup with seniors Dan O'Brien, Colin Johnson, and Charlie Bird together with junior Andrew Davidson and freshman Clint O'Brien all coming up big as the team rebounded from a 3-6 start to earn its title shot.

In the fall, Devlin had one of the memorable coaching experiences of his life as he guided the PDS football team to a 7-1 record. The win total tied the school record for wins, matching the 1981 team who posted an identical mark.

The team's success was doubly sweet for the team's seniors, who help trigger the program's revival which saw it go from 2-7 in 2003 to 4-4 in 2004 before this year's success. Senior David Blitzer starred at linebacker and center while classmate Alex Kowalski pilled up more than 800

yards rushing and Craig Knowlton disrupted opponents from his defensive line spot. Boasting such underclassmen as Mike Shimkin, Clint O'Brien, and Andrew Ojeda, the program seems poised to continue its winning ways.

The PDS boys' cross country team had a return to glory as well as Eamon Downey's squad placed first in the Patriot Conference championship meet. Senior Jeff Moll and precocious freshman Erik Lefebvre set the pace for the revitalized Panthers.

A core of juniors led the way as the PDS field hockey team roared out of the gate with a 9-1 start on the way to tying Stuart for the Patriot Conference crown. Coach Jill Thomas' team advanced to both the MCT and Prep semis as it finished 14-6-1. Junior star Nina Crouse emerged as one of the area's top scorers, piling up 32 points on 23 goals and nine assists. With her twin sister Allie returning as well as classmates Katy Briody and Melanie Phillipou, the future looks bright for the Panthers.

PDS

Paul Merrow knew he had a special group of sophomores on his PHS boys' hockey team but he wasn't sure if they were ready to start winning titles.

The sophomore stars which included forward John Ryan and Peter Telfer, defenseman Christian McCracken, and goalie Shane Leuck, answered that question in the affirmative.

Displaying their ability in the clutch, the youthful Little Tigers won the MCT, edging Notre Dame 3-2 in overtime. PHS went on to go 19-5-1 and advance to the second round of the state tournament.

The PHS girls' hockey program continued to make strides under the guidance of coach Matt Becan as it joined the Mid-Atlantic Prep Girls Hockey League (MAPGHL) league and went 12-4-1 with senior Vicki Chen providing much of the offense.

In the pool, the PHS swimming teams made their coach Greg Hand proud once again. The Little Tiger girls added another dramatic chapter to their story of recent success as they advanced to the Public B state championship meet for the second straight season.

Junior superstar Nina Rossi led the way as she was named the top female swimmer at the Mercer County championship meet and won the state individual title in the 100 butterfly.

While the boys' team wasn't

as deep as in past years, it still advanced to the Public B sectional championship meet. Senior star Pete Hand led the way as he was a consistent force in the breaststroke and the individual medley.

In the spring, the PHS boys' golf and tennis teams both made headlines. Little Tiger golf coach Sheryl Severance had a problem that was the envy of other coaches as she had far more talent than the five spots in her lineup.

Boasting such junior stars as Peter Teifer, Mike DiMeglio, Casey Huckel, Greg Helsen, and Jordan Gibbs, the Little Tigers put together a dream season.

PHS finished sixth overall at the Tournament of Champions and second in Group III in the team standings. Overall, the Little Tigers posted a 20-1 record in dual matches and earned titles at the Group III South and Central Sectional, the Mercer County Tournament, and the Cherry Valley Tournament.

Paul Lynch had a superb debut season at the helm of the PHS boys' tennis program as he led the Little Tigers to a Group III Central Jersey title and a 16-7 record.

Senior star Chris Hoeland was PHS' key performer because he provided wins and leadership at his first singles spot. The hard-serving Hoeland won the MCT crown at his flight, making him one of a handful of players to take four individual MCT crowns as he had earned titles at second and third singles earlier in his storied career.

After years of mediocrity, the PHS baseball team caught fire in the middle of the season and made a serious run for a spot in the state tournament. While John Miranda's team fell short of its goal, it earned a lot of respect in local baseball circles.

The PHS boys' lacrosse team got out of the gate in a rush with a 4-0 start but struggled down the stretch. Coach Peter Stanton got his players to regroup in the opening round of the state tournament as the Little Tigers avenged a regular season defeat by posting a sweet 12-4 win at archrival WW/P-S. PHS dropped a 6-5 overtime heartbreaker at second-seeded West Morris to finish with a 10-9 record.

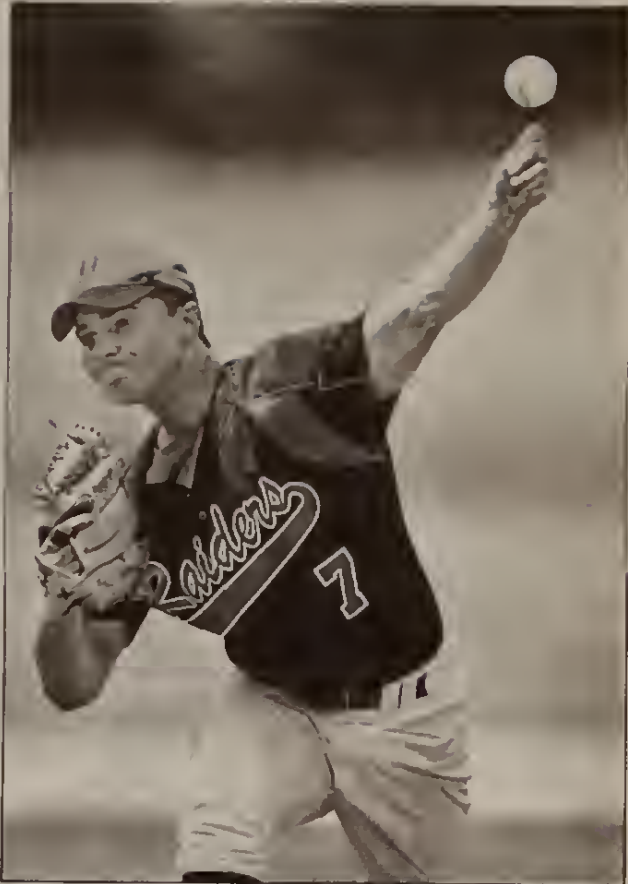
Junior running back Alex Henriques helped keep the PHS football team on the rise as he rushed for 1,707 yards to lead the Little Tigers to a 6-4 record.

Coach Steve Everette's squad fell one win short of a state berth but did earn the program's first win over Notre Dame since 1980 as the Little Tigers blanked the Irish 20-0 in October.

Going with a singles line-up consisting of two sophomores and a freshman, the PHS girls' tennis team came of age in the latter stages of the season. After finishing a disappointing fifth at the MCT, the Little Tigers advanced to the Central Jersey Group III championship match.

While coach Sarah Heyman will miss her sterling senior first doubles team of Anna Pang and Julie Syzmaniak, the program's prospects look bright with sophomores Alex Willig and Jennifer Yi and freshman Priya Joshi slated to return at singles.

The PHS cross country teams both made strides. Coach John Woodside piloted his boys' squad to a third place at the Mercer County Championship meet. The Little Tigers overcame illness and



PROFESSIONAL APPROACH: Hun School star pitcher Steve Garrison fires a pitch in action this past spring. Garrison went 8-0 in his final Hun campaign, striking out 84 batters and walking just five in 48 innings of work. Garrison, who ended his Hun career with a 25-4 record, signed with the Milwaukee Brewers organization after graduation.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Injury to take fifth at the sectional meet and qualify for the group meet.

While the graduation of senior star Christophe Dorsey will leave a void, such returning standouts as Dan Cavallaro, Jeff Wray, and Jesse Mostoller figure to keep PHS on course.

The girls' team also took third at the county meet and gave coach Jim Smirk plenty of special memories. Suzanne Hansen, Lena Frey, and Ellie Ritts set the pace as the Little Tiger girls also made the state group meet.

Stuart

Led by animated coach Tony Bowman, the Stuart County Day basketball team was energized as it went 10-13. The trio of Kathryn Kitts, Kelly Bruvik, and Caitlin Spratt provided most of the offense as the Tartans advanced to the state Prep B semifinals.

In the spring season, Stuart took two Prep B crowns. The lacrosse team, coached by Sara Wagner, avenged two tough losses to Pennington by edging the Red Raider 9-8 in the title game.

Bruvik was also a big scorer for the lax team as she scored points on 78 points on 6S goals and 13 assists to help Stuart finish with a 10-8 record.

The Stuart track team kept rolling as it won its fourth straight Prep B title. Coach Tom Harrington's squad used its balance to earn the crown with Emily Driscoll starring in the distance events, Carys Johnson in the sprints, Hannah Wilson in the hurdles, and

Sarah Goodwin in the throw-ing events.

The fall saw Stuart earn two state Prep titles and a county title long time in coming. On the tennis courts, the Stuart tennis team defended its Prep B title in style as it swept all five flights in the championship finals. Coach DeDe Webster's squad got inspiration and plenty of wins from senior star Kitts at first singles.

The cross country team suffered an early loss as longtime coach Tom Harrington took a job as an assistant coach with the Princeton University women's track program. With Robert Abdullah stepping in, the Tartans didn't miss a beat as they won their seventh straight Patriot Conference crown and then captured the program's fourth straight Prep B title. Senior Laura Brienza took second in the Prep meet with Nicole Huber placing third and Sasha Levitt coming in fourth.

Coach Missy Bruvik's field hockey team fell short of the state Prep title but that was the only thing it lost as it went 17-1-2, tying the program record for wins. Along the way, the Tartans stunned powerful Allentown 2-1 in the Mercer County Tournament to earn the school's first-ever outright county title.

Once again, Kelly Bruvik provided plenty of punch as she led the Tartans with 43 points on 22 goals and 21 assists. Freshman Jaclyn Gaudioso Radvany made a sudden impact as she tallied 32 points on 17 goals and 15 assists.

—Bill Alden



STROKES OF GENIUS: Princeton Day School freshman star David Holland lashes a forehand in action last spring. Holland emerged as a star right away at first singles, helping the Panthers capture the state Prep B title and finish tied for second at the MCT.

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Freshman Greenwood Exceeding Expectations, Emerges as Top Gun for Tiger Women's Hockey

For the first nine years of her ice hockey career, Annie Greenwood focused her efforts on defense. once I knew Princeton wanted me that was it. The older players have been really welcoming; it's a close team."

Growing up in New Canaan, Ct., Greenwood was a defenseman from the time she started playing the game at age six. Then in her sophomore year at Hotchkiss School, Greenwood was moved to forward.

While Greenwood struggled at first to adjust to her new role, she gradually became a lethal offensive force.

Coming to Princeton University this fall, Greenwood hasn't taken long to emerge as a top gun for the Tigers, scoring a team-high 11 goals so far this season.

Greenwood's quick start has even surprised her and she is quick to spread the credit. "I've never had this many goals in a season in either ice hockey or field hockey," said Greenwood, who also starred on the Hotchkiss field hockey team. "Playing with Kim Pearce has been unreal. She's the best player I've ever played with; she sets me up so much."

Greenwood, whose father ran track at Princeton, is not surprised that she has enjoyed playing for the Tigers.

"I wanted to go to Princeton ever since I was little," said Greenwood, whose grandfather and uncle played hockey for Princeton.

"I considered Boston College, Yale, and Dartmouth but

Princeton head coach Jeff Kampersal has enjoyed welcoming Greenwood to the program. "Annie is good at picking the puck out of the side boards," said Kampersal, whose club headed into its holiday break with a 9-3-3 overall record and tied with Harvard and Clarkson atop ECAC Hockey League. "She also sets up shop in front of the net. I thought she might end up with 10 or 12 goals her whole freshman season. She has a lot of improvement to go. Who knows what she'll end up with."

Greenwood credits Hotchkiss with helping lay the foundation for her success on the college level. "I loved Hotchkiss," asserted Greenwood, who also played for the Connecticut Stars club team during her high school years.

"On all the teams I was on, the girls were really close. I really looked up to my field hockey coach Robin Chandler. She played hockey at Dartmouth and was a great influence on me."

Greenwood, whose first college goal came against Dartmouth, hopes to continue to keep having a big influence on Princeton's fortunes.

"I'm not as dominant as Gretchen Anderson [former Tiger star], I can't make goals



HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS: Princeton senior center Becky Brown corrals a rebound in recent action. Last week, Brown, a Nashville, Tenn. native, had a bit of a rough homecoming as she and the Tigers fell 107-39 at top-ranked Tennessee. Brown scored a team-high 12 points in the loss with junior Meg Cowher adding seven. In upcoming action, Princeton, now 6-4, hosts Fairleigh Dickinson on December 30 and Lafayette on January 3.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

on my own," explained Greenwood, who fired in a career-high four goals in Princeton's recent 6-2 win over Colgate. "I'm better at positioning and getting rebound goals. That comes from hard work by me and my teammates."

As the Tigers start the 2006 portion of their schedule by hosting Providence on Janu-

ary 2 before hitting the road for seven away contests, Greenwood believes that working hard will be the key to success.

"I'm a bit nervous about the second half," said Greenwood. "We're going to be on the road a lot and it's tough to come back after a long break. I feel that we have a lot of

girls that practice hard and take this seriously. We should be OK."

If Greenwood can keep up her scoring production, the Tigers could end up better than OK this season.

—Bill Alden

Tiger Legend Carril Gets Newell Award

It has been nearly 10 years since Pete Carril last coached a basketball game for Princeton, but the strength of his legacy was on display again last week.

Carril was honored with the 2005 Pete Newell Challenge Career Achievement Award last Wednesday, receiving the honor at the tournament doubleheader featuring Princeton-Stanford and DePaul-Cal.

"It's nice to be acknowledged by someone who has done so much for the game," Carril said in a press release about receiving the Newell award. "I still enjoy the game, and I love coaching basketball. If my health holds up, I hope to keep doing it. To this day, it's hard for me to walk by any gym and not go inside to find out what's going on."

Carril, 75, is the all-time winningest coach in Ivy League men's basketball history. He went 514-261 during his 29 seasons at Princeton, won 12 Ivy League titles and qualified for 11 NCAA Tournaments. Carril's 312 League victories are also a record. For perspective, reigning Ivy League coaching patriarch Fran Dunphy of Penn has 178 League wins in 16 seasons, and no other coach has more than 141.

The legendary coach retired from the college game after the 1995-96 NCAA Tournament, during which Princeton

defeated defending NCAA champion UCLA, 43-41, on a back-door layup in the first round. For the last eight years Carril has served as an assistant coach for the NBA's Sacramento Kings. He was hired to the Kings by president of basketball operations Geoff Petrie, whom Carril coached at Princeton.

Past winners of the Pete Newell Challenge Career Achievement Award include Purdue's Jud Heathcote (2002), Michigan State's Earvin (Magic) Johnson (2001), Cincinnati's Oscar Robertson (2000), and West Virginia's Jerry West and North Carolina's Dean Smith (1998).

Tiger Men's Hoops Routed by Stanford

Getting off to another slow start, the Princeton University men's basketball team fell behind Stanford 27-6 on the way to a 58-34 loss to the Cardinals last Wednesday at the 2005 Pete Newell Challenge in Oakland, Calif.

The Tigers, who fell to 2-7 with the loss, trailed by as many as 34 points in the second half before scoring the game's last point. Kyle Koncz scored nine points to lead Princeton with Noah Savage chipping in eight.

Princeton will look to get on the winning track when it hosts Carnegie Mellon on December 28 before playing at Rutgers on December 31.

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PHS Alum Livingston in Hunt for Paralympic Spot As She Refuses to Let Paralysis Stall Her Drive

When Beth Livingston looks back on growing up in Princeton in the 1980s, she fondly recalls her family's annual ski trips to Pennsylvania.

Bitten by the skiing bug, Livingston moved to Montana in 1989 after graduating from Parsons School of Design so she could immerse herself in the ski culture out west.

Shortly after the move, however, Livingston was injured in a car accident that left her paralyzed from the waist down and with seemingly little hope of ever again flying down a slope.

But rebounding from that setback, Livingston learned how to ski in a wheelchair and soon began competing in paralympic alpine races. In 2000, she switched to cross country skiing and quickly became a world-class performer, earning medals at World Cup races and competing for the U.S. in the 2002 Paralympic Games at Salt Lake City.

Next month, Livingston will learn if she has qualified for the U.S. team that will be competing in the 2006 Paralympic Games in Turin, Italy.

In reflecting the impact of her severe injury, Livingston acknowledged that she faced some tough choices during the dark days of her initial rehabilitation.

"It was really difficult but I thought that I developed a Teflon personality in a short period of time," said Livingston, 40, a 1983 Princeton High graduate who currently resides in Bozeman, Mont. with her two children. "I was acutely sad; I realized a couple of things. I could give in to the depression or I could fight it."

For Livingston, part of fighting the injury meant getting back on the ski slopes. Her first trip down the mountain tested her nerve.

"It was super scary, it was like an impending car wreck," said Livingston, who played

field hockey and soccer at PHS. "I simply didn't know how to stop and control myself."

Overcoming her fears, Livingston eventually began competing in paralympic alpine races and making special bonds with her fellow competitors.

"I had pooh-poohed being in a larger culture of wheelchair athletes," said Livingston. "But it inspired me and gave me a life new meaning and gave me a different idea out of what I was getting out of being disabled. I embraced the lifestyle."

In 1990, Livingston embraced a new pursuit as she took up cross country skiing. "I had thought of myself as an athlete but this was so much more difficult," recalled Livingston, who was persuaded by Jon Kreamelmeyer, the coach of the U.S. Disabled Ski team, to give cross coun-

try a try. "I found that I wasn't that much of an athlete. I upped the ante in terms of physical conditioning and what it meant to really be in shape."

It didn't take long for Livingston to realize the demands of her new event. "I had a crash in my first race," said Livingston with a chuckle. "I tumbled like an egg beater. The race officials were calling me 'Indy' because it was like a car crash. I couldn't believe that I lived because I spun on my head like a top."

True to her feisty nature, Livingston bounced back from that inauspicious debut to rise up the ranks of the paralympic cross country ladder.

In 2001, she placed 13th in the International Paralympic Nordic World Cup. A year later, she competed in the 2002 Paralympic Games in Salt Lake City, helping the U.S. 2 x 2.5k relay team place fifth and taking 11th in both the 10k and 5k individual races.

For Livingston, the Salt Lake City games were an unforgettable experience. "It was like being a rock star," asserted Livingston. "There were 60,000 people freaking out at the opening ceremonies at Rice Eccles Stadium. It was an out-of-body experience. I was looking at a jumbotron outside the stadium and I was thinking I can't believe we're going in there."

The opening ceremonies were a harbinger of things to come. "Competing was awesome," said Livingston. "We had some grueling weather and some bluebird days with great blue skies. It was like a summit of good will. It was a fairly small group of competitors. There were some language barriers but no spirit barriers."

Currently, Livingston is trying to reach that summit again as the U.S. squad will be chosen in January with world cup performance being the decisive factor.

"I'm holding on by the seat of my pants," said Livingston, who works part-time at The Home Depot in conjunction with the U.S. Olympic Committee's Job Opportunities Program. "I'm training between one to two hours a day. I'm looking at it day-to-day, just concerning myself with the things I can control."

Whether or not Livingston makes the team, her life has



WINTER WONDER: Princeton native Beth Livingston races through the course in a cross country race at the 2002 Paralympic Games at Salt Lake City. Livingston, who was paralyzed from the waist down after a car accident in 1989, is currently in the running to make the U.S. squad for the upcoming 2006 Paralympic Games in Turin, Italy. Livingston, a 1983 Princeton High graduate who currently resides in Bozeman, Mont., will learn next month whether she will be going to her second paralympic games.

been immeasurably enriched by her participation in the world of paralympic skiing. "It's given me a world of experience," said Livingston. "Life is about the sum total of experience, not the sum total of possessions. I've met such wonderful people I would never have met and I have

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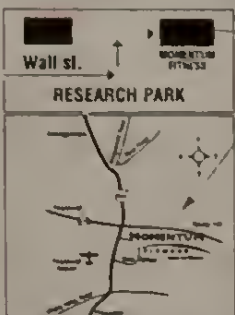
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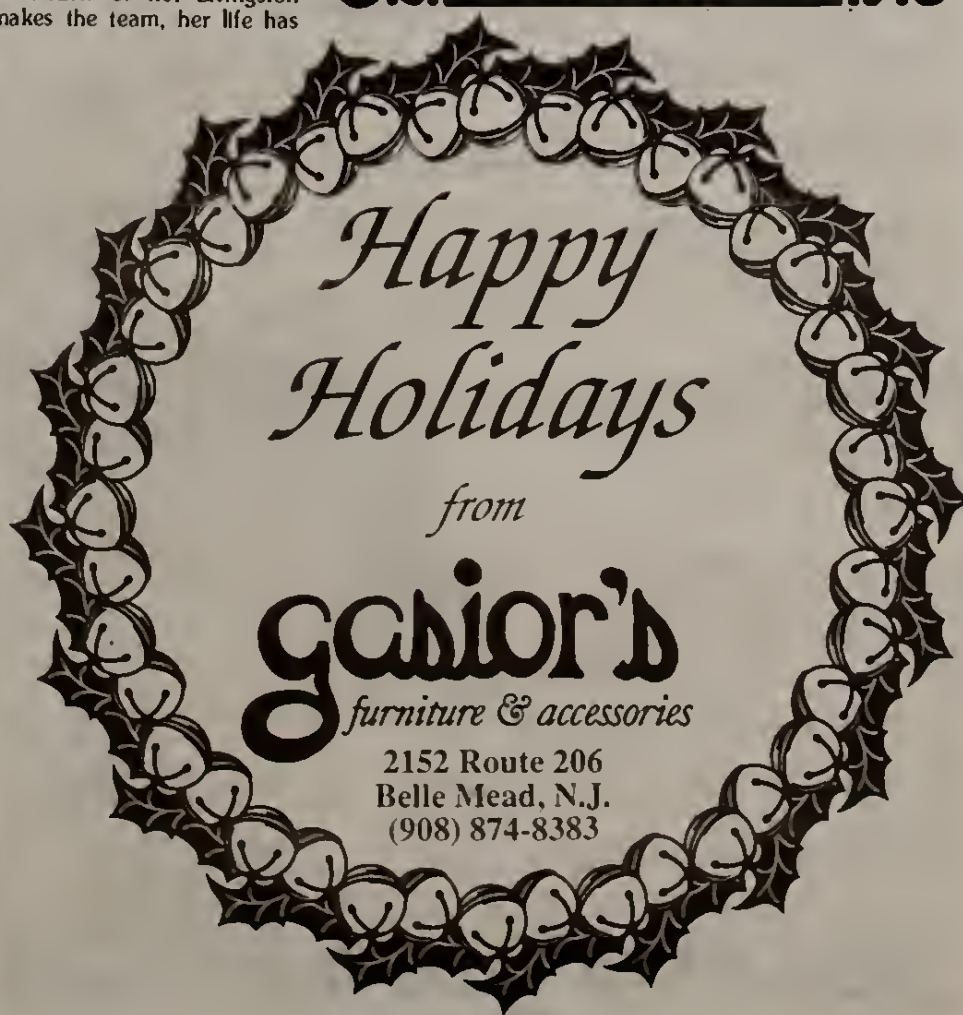
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With Teifer Providing Sharp Focus Up Front, PHS Boys' Hockey Posts Perfect December

Peter Teifer and his fellow veterans on the Princeton High boys' hockey team haven't forgotten the disappointment they felt when they opened last season with a loss to rival WW/P-S.

When the teams met last Thursday night at Mercer County Park, PHS was determined to put the Pirates away early.

Teifer, a junior forward, fired in two goals as the Little Tigers built a 4-0 lead after one period. PHS stretched its advantage to 8-0 by late in the second period.

Getting a little sloppy, PHS gave up two power play goals as WW/P-S narrowed the margin to 8-2. But showing the killer instinct that has marked the Little Tigers so far this season, PHS scored the final two goals of the contest to earn a 10-2 victory.

While Teifer acknowledged that PHS suffered a brief lapse, he maintained that the club executed its game plan in building the big early lead.

"We just kind of took it easy; we weren't really thinking about playing our game," said Teifer, who ended up with three goals and two assists in the win over the Pirates.

"Considering last year when they beat us in the first game, we were not going to let that happen again. We knew we better put up scores early on them."

With PHS off to a blazing 8-0 start, they are getting the feeling that they can put up goals on anyone.

"We're playing real well as a team," asserted Teifer, whose work up front helped the Little Tigers outscore their foes 69-6 in their eight games in December. "We have real good morale; we're not cocky or anything."

A key factor in the Little Tigers' success has been the partnership between Teifer and classmate John Ryan.

"We've been playing together so long it's like blood," said Teifer who has played on the same line with Ryan all three seasons at PHS. "I know that he's always there. Sometimes I don't even pick my head up because I know he's going to be there."

Teifer, who is also a star for the PHS golf game, believes the focus he develops through his spring sport helps him be there for the Little Tigers.

"Golf is more mental; hockey is more physical," said Teifer, who helped the PHS golf team win its second straight Mercer County Tournament (MCT) crown last spring.

"I'd say in some aspects, the mentality is the same. You have to stay concentrated on what you have to do and you can't get out of that mindset. In hockey, you can't worry about the last shift, you think about the next one and doing better."

PHS head coach Paul Merrow thinks Teifer is getting better and better. "Teifer is working real well with J.R. [Ryan], said Merrow, who got four goals from Ryan and one

apiece from Bill Ward, Christian McCracken, and Kyle DeBlois in the WW/P-S win. "They have been together for three years. Peter is a good scorer and he's a hardworking kid."

On Thursday, Teifer put in some hard work on the defensive end. "Tonight we wanted to match up Peter with Jeff Katz," explained Merrow.

"In future games in the CVC, when we need to pick up some players, he's going to need to be disciplined enough to do that and battle one of their better guys. He showed he can do that going down the road."

PHS will need to shore up things as it faces some tough tests in January. "We feel pretty good about going 8-0 in December," said Merrow.

"We've never done that since our coaching staff has been here. We'll see in the month of January how good we really are with CVC games against the likes of Steinert, Hopewell Valley, and Notre Dame and out of conference games against Morris Hills and Clifton."

In Merrow's view, his team's hot start is the product of the momentum the program built last season when it won the MCT and went 19-5-1.

"The confidence level among all of them from the end of last year to the start of this year," said Merrow when asked what has set his team apart from the competition so far.

"Getting to where we are so far has boosted their confi-



PETER PRINCIPLE: Princeton High junior star Peter Teifer, right, glides in toward the WW/P-S goalie last Thursday in PHS' 10-2 win over the Pirates. Teifer had three goals and two assists in the win which improved PHS to 8-0 on the season.

(Photo by Bill Allen NJ SportAction)

dence tremendously. They all get along well; they are a good group of guys."

In fact, the team is so hot that Merrow would almost rather skip the holiday break. "There is never a good time to have a break, you lose an edge," said Merrow, whose club will resume action when it plays Hopewell Valley on January 2 at the Ice Land Skating Center.

"A lot of the kids go on vacation; they're off the ice for a while. When they come back, it takes a couple of games and practices to get back into it."

Teifer, for his part, doesn't believe that the break will derail the Little Tiger express. "We're going to be on the ice over break, most of the guys play club hockey," said Teifer. "There is so much talent between all of us. We're really jelling; it's impressive."

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PDS Girls' Hockey Learns from Tournament; Ready to Make Statement in the New Year

Taking on tough competition two weekends ago in the Canterbury Tournament in Connecticut, the Princeton Day School girls' hockey team came away with three losses in as many games.

But PDS head coach John Cook views the weekend as a valuable experience on and off the ice. "We did pretty well, we were going against much

stronger teams," said Cook whose team fell 7-2 to Canterbury, 8-4 to New Canaan, and 2-1 to Hill in a shootout. "The girls played a lot of good shifts. The girls say that playing against good players sharpens them up."

The team made progress off the ice because the trip made the players into a tighter unit. "Doing something like that

really builds the team," said Cook, whose team is 3-3-1 as it hits the holiday break. "We worked on being selfless and supporting teammates when they make a good play. It's us against everybody else and that brings a team together."

Several Panthers showed in Connecticut that they have their game together. Feisty



ON BOARD: Princeton Day School forward Jess Cellars, left, controls a puck off the board in recent action. With Cellars providing the squad with feisty play around the net, PDS went into the holidays with a 3-3-1 mark. The Panthers resume play when it hosts Princeton High on January 6.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

senior forward Jess Cellars scored three goals and had two assists on the weekend.

"She's unbelievable; she's a bundle of energy," asserted Cook. "She makes things happen around the net. She played well offensively and defensively. She made two beautiful passes that Emily [Cook] scored on."

PDS got good work from two of its young guns as sophomore Cook and freshman Georgia Travers also stood out. Cook scored two goals and was named to the All-Tournament team while Travers found the back of the net twice.

"Emily played well around the net," said Cook referring to his daughter's performance. She is showing good vision in center ice. Georgia is young but she is handling the puck pretty well. She's getting it."

Another Panther who made strides is Elisa Cichonksi, a junior who is in her debut season playing goaltender.

"Elisa played very well against Hill," added Cook. "She had some big saves in the third period and the overtime. In the shootout, she only let in one goal and she got a piece of that shot."

With his club on holiday break until hosting Princeton High on January 6, Cook thinks they can put the pieces together after the holidays.

"It's a young team, we need to work on everything," explained Cook. "Since we have no superstars, we need to work on bringing the puck up the ice and moving it well. We're working on our forechecking patterns and I've spent a lot of time on shooting and passing."

Cook likes how his club has responded to his drills. "I'm very pleased with the way the girls work," said Cook. "They get down to business everyday. I'm looking forward to the second half of the season."

—Bill Alden

recorded 33 saves in keeping the game close. Stuart, now 0-2, is next in action when it competes in the Upland Tourney on January 7.

LOCAL SPORTS

Princeton Varsity Club Winter Lunch January 12

The Princeton Varsity Club (PVC) is holding its annual winter luncheon on January 12 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Class of 1956 Lounge in the upper level of Princeton Stadium.

The event will feature speeches from Tiger winter coaches. Scheduled speakers include men's basketball coach Joe Scott, women's basketball coach Richard Barron, men's ice hockey coach Guy Gadowsky, and wrestling coach Michael New. The cost of the event is \$15 at the door with PVC members getting in for free.

For more information about the luncheon or the PVC, contact Louise Gengler via e-mail at gengler@princeton.edu or by phone at (609) 258-8393.

Princeton Little League Offering Winter Clinics

The Princeton Little league will be offering winter baseball clinics again this year.

The clinics are available to children who were members of the Princeton Little League in the 2005 season. The program will run from December 16 through January 29. The clinics will take place at the Princeton University indoor baseball complex in Jadwin Gym and will be conducted by Princeton University coaches and players at a ratio of one coach to five children.

For more information, visit the Princeton Little League web site at www.princetonlittleleague.com.

Patriots Travel Baseball Seeking Additional Players

The Princeton Patriots Baseball Team is seeking additional players for its spring 2006 program.

Individuals ages 12 and under are eligible to apply. The team will have a home field in Princeton and play in several local competitive leagues. For more information, contact Paul Horan at (609) 921-5257 or paul.horan@sun.com.



SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS: Princeton High boys' basketball coach Dave Kosa ponders things in action last season. Last Wednesday, PHS fell 67-60 to visiting Trenton High. Ben Guervil scored 15 points with Marc Andre adding 13 as the Little Tigers fell to 0-3 on the season. In upcoming action, PHS plays in the Over the River Tournament at New Hope on December 28-29 before playing at Allentown on January 3. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

PHS

Girls' Hockey: Carly Moseley had a big game as PHS blanked Stuart Country Day 4-0 last Wednesday at the Lawrenceville School rink. Moseley scored two goals with Cami Mahon and Katie Burke adding the other tallies. Goaltender Emily Schulte made 20 saves in earning the shutout as PHS improved to 3-0. In upcoming action, the Little Tigers face Pingry on January 5 at the Bridgewater Arena before playing at Princeton Day School on January 6.

Wrestling: The Little Tigers fell 38-26 at Hamilton last Friday to drop to 2-3 on the season. Individual winners for PHS included J.P. Henrichsen at 275 pounds, Anatasio Perez at 119, Mark Jeevaratnam at 145, Andre Cutler at 152, Peter Asmuth at 160, and Tom Frantzen at 171. The Tigers are back in action when they wrestle at Notre Dame on January 4.

STUART

Ice Hockey: A big effort from goaltender Nathalie Verhaegen wasn't enough as Stuart fell 4-0 to Princeton High last Wednesday in a game played at the Lawrenceville School rink. Verhaegen

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It's Hip to Be Square: Honda Element Makes Its Rounds Around Town

I am out of my element.

Well, okay, actually I am in my Element — as in the Atomic Blue Metallic 2006 Honda Element EX-P loaned to me for the day by the good folks at Honda of Princeton. But what I mean is that I'm not exactly sure what I'm supposed to be doing. (And, I promise, that's the only "Element" pun I'll make — no "table of Elements" or "Elementary, my dear Watson," or "herds of trumpeting Elements," or ...). Usually, when setting out to write a car review I know exactly what to do: find a challenging bit of road and open it up. Over the years, I've had occasion to put Aston Martins, BMWs, and Ferraris through their paces. Most recently I got to test gallop a V8 Mustang GT. Vehicles like that come equipped with an instant alter ego — you slip into the race driver role as easily as you do into the bucket seats — as well as an imperative to drive them up to their standard.

The Element, however, is all about doing things "your own way," as Honda likes to put it. An imaginatively-conceived, thoughtfully-designed and smartly-built vehicle, it is cheerfully ready to adapt to your persona (or lifestyle, or whatever the current term is). And so, on this mid-December Saturday afternoon I am not on some test track or twisting mountain highway, but rather I am cruising downtown Princeton, driving my 15-year-old daughter, Valentina, around while she shops for gifts. And you know what? It's a fun way to go.

Now, I've never been an SUV guy and I've never owned (thank heavens) a minivan, so I was a little worried that I was crossing into one of those territories when I picked up the Element. But after only a few miles I was convinced that this vehicle sits happily outside both camps. Though Valentina instantly dubbed it the "Man Van," that was just to get her dad's goat, and I'm happy to report that the Element has none of the mushy feel of the classic soccer mom-mobile. Neither

does it have the macho posture of a pumped-up SUV. Park it alongside a row of Blazers and Hummers and the effect is like seeing Spicoli going out for the Ridgemont High football team. It's just playing a different sport, dude.

In fact, with its distinctive square, upright configuration and its center-opening swing-wide doors with no pillar between them, the Element is ready for any number of different sports — including, if you've seen the commercial, auto frisbee. Ian Pagnillo, the sales

down very easily." I began to feel as though I should be doing something both more active and far grungier than mere holiday shopping.

But you clearly don't have to be an X Games competitor to enjoy the Element. Or even a Gen X-er. As Honda of Princeton sales manager Kevin Holohan told me, the vehicle has proven surprisingly popular with older buyers as well. "A number of our first customers were older than what we thought



rep from Honda of Princeton who checked me out on the vehicle, assured me that, with the two rear seats folded up, the Element could accommodate two 26-inch mountain bikes side-by-side, without having to remove wheels or seats. And, he added, any mud from the bikes' knobby tires could easily be taken care of, given the urethane-coated utility floor and the waterproof, stain-resistant fabric on the seats. "I wouldn't run a hose in there," he said brightly, "but you can wipe it

the target demographic was going to be," he said. "And now we see it appealing to people all across the age spectrum."

Which makes sense, given the Element's low cost (prices start at \$17,750 for the basic LX; the EX-P I was driving was listed at about \$23,000), engineering (156-horsepower 2.3-liter 16-valve double-overhead-cam engine and available Real Time 4-wheel — which sends power to the rear wheels as well if either of the front

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I managed to stay awake however, and after parking near Palmer Square, got out to take a closer look around the exterior. I was surprised, but the Element's boxy looks were starting to grow on me. The model I had was painted a solid blue, a very attractive alternative to the gray side panels that made the original Element look all too plastic-toy-like. While I was standing there, an older couple strolling by slowed to eye the car. "That's one of those Elements," I heard the man say. "It's cute," said the woman. I felt a surge of paternal pride.

A moment later an attractive younger couple stopped and peered in the windows to see the interior. "Lots of room for gear," said the man, who looked as if he might actually own a mountain bike. We talked for a while about the car's features and styling and I showed them how the doors worked, vaguely ashamed that there wasn't more mud on the floor. They went off together talking about going to the Honda dealer.

Driving home with Valentina, it occurred to me that not every test drive needs to be an adrenaline-fix. Sometimes it's nice to be in a vehicle that fits in — in at least 64 different ways. We passed a red Element headed the other way. I gave a wave.

—Richard O'Brien

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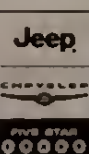
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The club's next dance will be the Procrastinator's Ball on January 7, also at the Unitarian Church. It will feature a merengue lesson from 7:30 to 8 p.m., followed by the Banda Atomic from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Admission will be \$15, with students \$12, and will include refreshments.

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- 1 organic lemon, cut in half
- 3 cup strongly brewed coffee

1. In a medium non-reactive saucepan, combine the cranberries, 1 cup of the sugar, and 1 cup of water. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce to a low simmer, stirring occasionally, until thickened, about 10 minutes.

2. Peel, halve, and core the pears. Rub with lemon as you cut to prevent discoloration.

3. In a large saucepan, combine the coffee and the remaining 1½ cups sugar. Bring to a simmer over moderate heat, stirring to dissolve the sugar. Add the pears and simmer until tender, about 15 minutes. Drain the pears and discard the coffee.

4. As soon as the pears are cool enough to handle, cut into 1-inch chunks and add to the cooked cranberries. Let cool completely, then cover and refrigerate for up to 2 days before serving.

*Bosc is a sweet, spicy, aromatic winter pear that is perfect for baking and cooking. They do not change color when ripening so test for ripeness by pressing lightly around the stem with your thumb. When the flesh gives slightly, the pears are ripe.



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Wednesday, Dec. 28 – Wednesday, Jan. 4

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Wednesday, December 28:

- 9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
- 10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
- 1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
- 3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

Thursday, December 29:

- 10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too; RC.

Friday, December 30:

PSRC Closed for the holidays.

Monday, January 2:

- 9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
- 11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
- 1:00 p.m. Senior Citizen Club Board; SPB.
- 1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, January 3:

- 10:00 a.m. Art with Bob; SPB.
- 11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.
- 1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
- 1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.
- 1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, January 4:

- 9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
- 10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
- 1:00 p.m. Group Drumming; SPB.
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- 3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 28

10 a.m.: Snow Day, age-specific sessions for children 2 to 8; Princeton Public Library.

10 a.m.: Township Committee; Township Municipal Complex.

2 and 8 p.m.: Inspecting Carof; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m.

3 p.m.: Classic Comedy Cowlcode: A Cinematic Hofidoy!; Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center.

8 p.m.: The Capitol Steps; Trenton Marriott Hotel.

Friday, December 30

8 p.m.: Squabbles; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: James P. Connolly; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 31

8 p.m.: Greater Trenton Symphony Orchestra New Year's Eve Concert; Patriots Theater at the War Memorial, Trenton.

Tuesday, January 3

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: American Red Cross Blood Drive; Lord & Taylor, Quakerbridge Mall.

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Wednesday, January 4

4 p.m.: Chess with Beth (7 to 9-year-olds); Mary Jacobs Memorial Library, Rocky Hill.

6 p.m.: Princeton Township Committee; Township Municipal Complex.

Friday, January 6

8 p.m.: Squabbles; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Lois C. Jenny

Lois Coffin Jenny, 53, of Brookfield, Conn., formerly of Princeton, died December 21 at home with her family by her side. The cause of death was cancer.

Born in Rome, Italy, the daughter of Nancy N. Coffin and the late David R. Coffin of Princeton, she was a graduate of Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart and Manhattanville College, where she earned a degree in education and psychology.

She had lived in Brookfield for 21 years, where she was active in education and Girl Scouts and had a significant influence on the lives of many young people. She worked at Education Connection's Access School in Danbury, where she taught high school English, and at the Brookfield School system where she tutored students who needed extra attention and support.

She was also an active gardener.

She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Peter D. Jenny; her mother, Nancy Coffin of Princeton; three children, David of Brookfield, Rebecca of Brookfield, and Victoria of Littleton, Mass.; and her siblings, Elizabeth Coffin Allerhand and D. Tristram Coffin, both of Nantucket, Mass., and Peter Coffin of Mendham, Mass.

A Memorial Mass will be held at Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys Church in Brookfield on Wednesday, December 28 at 11 a.m. It will be followed by a gathering of family and friends at her home. Cremation will take place at the direction of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lois C. Jenny Memorial Scholarship Fund, Union Sav-

ings Bank, 200 Federal Road, Brookfield, Conn. 06804. The fund will benefit students from Brookfield High School. Arrangements are by The Brookfield Funeral Home.

Florence Alaimo

Florence Bianco Alaimo, 92, of Princeton, died Sunday, December 25 at Merwick.

Born and raised in New York City, she had been a resident of Princeton for the last nine years. She was the owner-operator of Alaimo Dress Company of New York City, a talented seamstress who operated her business from 1948 until 1970.

She was a member of St. Paul's Church.

Daughter of the late Joseph and Fortuna Zecca Bianco, and wife of the late Russell Alaimo, she is survived by a daughter, Florence Cucchi of Princeton; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was December 27 at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Paul's Church.

Burial will be in St. Raymond's Cemetery, Bronx, N.Y.

Memorial contributions may be made to Health Care Ministry of St. Paul's, Inc., P.O. Box 1517, Princeton 08542.

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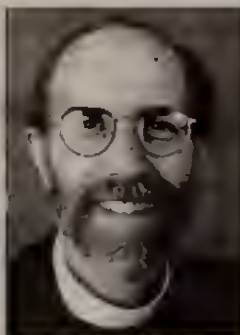
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QUESTION: What's the use in making New Year's Resolutions? I make them on the 1st and break them on the 2nd!

ANSWER: Hey, don't be so optimistic! Many people make them on the 1st and break them on the 1st. But, does that mean that you should never make a New Year's Resolution? No.

Happiness is a process, not a product. It is not something you buy on sale at Macy's, but something that you work on each day of your life. When I was young, I thought that just over the hill were all these "normal" people, and that someday I would grow up and be like them. I assumed that would be when I turned 18, but on my 18th birthday, I felt as insecure as ever. So, I imagined that it must occur by age 21, or maybe 25. Certainly, no later than 40! Well, I am 57 and still have not gone through that magic door to perfect maturity.

As you might guess, there is no magic door, and there are no normal people. We all feel insecure. Oh, some hide under a mask of superiority, and manage to fool a great number of us. But, the truth is that they are the most insecure of all.

What it all boils down to is that your growth is an ongoing process. While we try not to see this process as a daily drudgery, we admittedly get stuck walking down the path of life. So, we need to rekindle the fire, helping ourselves get back on track. To do this, we use various points in our year to check on how we are doing and to restart our engines. Some of us use Advent or Lent, Rosh Hashana or Yom Kippur, birthdays or anniversaries, and still others use New Year's Day.

Therefore, New Year's resolutions are a good idea. However, if you think that your new start is to wipe your slate clean and begin all over again, then you have missed the point. You build on the foundation of your inner strengths, continually polishing "the diamond in the rough" that you were into the gem that you can be. You will never be "normal" or "perfect", as these states do not exist. But, you can be progressively more & more happy, and more & more mature. So, make your New Year's resolution, and, when you slip and break it, pick yourself up, dust yourself off, and keep on going.

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Sheila S. Leyton

Sheila Scully Leyton, 94, of Piscataway, formerly of Princeton, died December 22 at the Parker Memorial Home in Piscataway following a long illness.

Born in Devon, England, she lived in Princeton for more than 40 years after emigrating from England with her husband and children. Her late husband, Eric McPhail Leyton, was part of the "brain drain" of scientists who left England after World War II to pursue research opportunities abroad, accepting a position as an electrical engineer at RCA's David Sarnoff Research Laboratories.

A graduate of Les Tournelles, Brussels, Belgium, Mrs. Leyton was an advertising manager at Elizabeth Arden's headquarters in London where she and her husband lived throughout World War II. She was presented at the Court of St. James in London in July 1964.

In Princeton, she worked as an office manager at the Princeton Medical Group prior to managing a number of departments at Bamberger's

Department Store. She and Janet Bascom of Oxford, Md.; and three grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 21 at 3 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 50 Cherry Hill Road.

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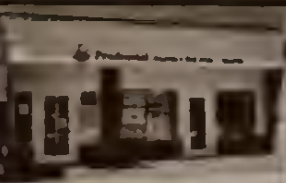
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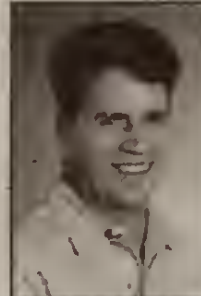
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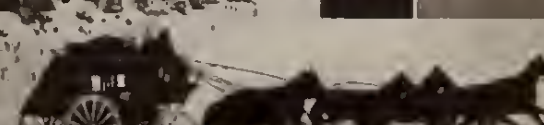
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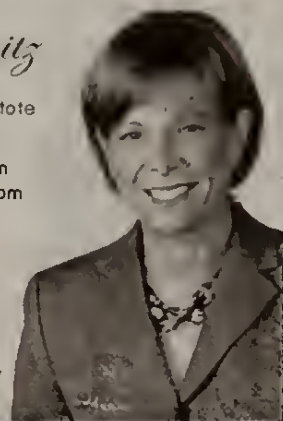
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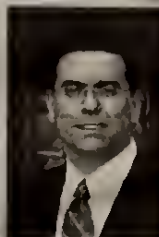
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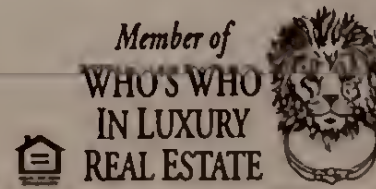
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